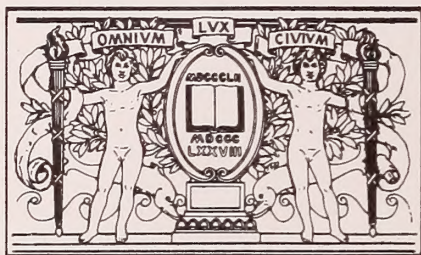


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CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

INAUGURAL EXERCISES.

Symphony Hall, Boston, Mass.

Monday, January 6, 1930.

The ceremonies attending the inauguration of Mayor-elect James M. Curley and the City Councilors-elect of the City of Boston were held in Symphony Hall at 10 o'clock a. m., the Mayor-elect and the members-elect of the Council for 1930 all being present.

The invocation by Rev. Father James F. Kelly, of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Jamaica Plain, was as follows:

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Almighty God, Eternal Father, whose eyes are upon all the earth and who giveth strength to those who trust in Him, look down, we pray thee, upon this assembly. Bless our city; bless and guide him whom the voice of his fellow citizens has called to civic leadership and who enters this day upon his solemn duties. Mindful of thy word, O God, "lest the Lord keep the city, they labor in vain who keep it," do Thou grant to him and to those who have been chosen to counsel with him in our city's government the will to labor patiently. Give them light, O God, to see, give them courage to overcome difficulties, give them strength and steadfastness to be faithful to their stewardship, that our city's name may grow in honor and Thy name be glorified, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

City Clerk DOYLE read a communication from the Board of Election Commissioners certifying to the election of James M. Curley as Mayor.

The oath of office was administered to Mayor-elect James M. Curley by Chief Justice Arthur P. Rugg.

City Clerk DOYLE read a communication from the Board of Election Commissioners, certifying to the election of members of the City Council, as follows:

City Council.

Ward 1, Timothy F. Donovan, 100 Bayswater street.

Ward 2, Thomas H. Green, 117 Baldwin street.

Ward 3, John I. Fitzgerald, 7 Allen street.

Ward 4, Seth F. Arnold, 92 Huntington avenue.

Ward 5, Laurence Curtis, 2d, 464 Beacon street.

Ward 6, Michael J. Mahoney, 270 West Third street.

Ward 7, William G. Lynch, 670 Columbia road.

Ward 8, John F. Dowd, 22 Greenville street.

Ward 9, Richard D. Gleason, 66 Highland street.

Ward 10, Leo F. Power, 12 Eldora street.

Ward 11, Edward L. Englert, 92 West Walnut park.

Ward 12, Herman L. Bush, 132 Seaver street.

Ward 13, Joseph McGrath, 9 Castle Rock street.

Ward 14, Israel Ruby, 102 Talbot avenue.

Ward 15, Francis E. Kelly, 24 Topliff street.

Ward 16, Albert L. Fish, 12 Rowena street.

Ward 17, Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., 44 Kenwood street.

Ward 18, Clement A. Norton, 8 Austin street.

Ward 19, Peter A. Murray, 7 St. John street.

Ward 20, Joseph P. Cox, 176 Temple street.

Ward 21, James Hein, 1135 Commonwealth avenue.

Ward 22, Edward M. Gallagher, 21 Oak Square avenue.

It appeared that all were present. A roll of the members-elect of the City Council was called by Assistant City Clerk Hynes, and as the names were called, the members arose. The oath of office was administered to them by Mayor Curley.

Mayor CURLEY, before commencing his inaugural address, said:

Honorable City Clerk, Reverend Father, honored guests and friends, and, in addition, the invisible radio audience unable to be present but who are listening in, and, included in that invisible audience, one who has been at my side for twenty-four years at every public function and who would be here today were it not that God wills otherwise. (Applause.) For her I ask the prayers of all.

Mayor CURLEY delivered his inaugural address, as follows:

Gentlemen of the City Council.

This year 1930 marks the passage of three centuries since a group of men and women, inspired by faith in God and in themselves, founded what is in our day known as Boston. Despite the rigors of climate, a soil that did not yield readily or in abundance and the constant menace of hostile Indians, they progressed, bequeathing to us a lesson in the value of self-reliance and the necessity of cooperation.

The problems that in our day bulk large are infinitesimal as contrasted with those in evidence in the days of the founders and can be solved by the same methods in our days as in their day, namely, through cooperation and self-reliance.

The necessity of a program for the development of industry, commerce and municipal activities anticipating so far as may be humanly possible the requirements of the next half century is evident. Such a program should be undertaken at an early date and pending its adoption our expenditures should be limited to immediate requirements which will not permit of delay.

The increased cost of administering the activities of the city in 1930 as against 1929, due to increase in personnel and salaries, will be approximately \$1,000,000, and this excess cost must be offset if we are to avoid an increase in the tax rate that will prove burdensome.

Changes in administrative policies due to successive changes in administrative officials, coupled with pride of origin and lack of definite objective or plans for future, are in large measure responsible for present conditions industrially, commercially and in municipal departmental administration.

City Planning.

It is my purpose to invite the cooperation of representatives of religious, educational, labor, industrial, commercial, civic and financial organizations to the number of three hundred and fifty to serve in an advisory capacity with the City Planning Board in the creation of a fifty-year plan for Boston.

Some progress along this line has already been made in the Park Department where plans, devised in 1916, anticipating the next half century have been the basis for commendable improvements.

Similar planning has been inaugurated in the Hospital Department at present working upon a twenty-five year plan, the merit of which so commended itself to the last administration as to permit of its acceptance without change, thereby making possible by 1932 a Municipal Hospital Department unexcelled in the world.

The same policy with reference to preventive health work is represented in the George Robert White Health Units program which was sufficiently meritorious to warrant adoption by the last administration and which, upon completion of remaining units, will, in the opinion of Doctor Vincent of the Rockefeller Foundation, result in an enormous saving of human life.

It is desirable in connection with the program of installation of George Robert White Health Units to consider the advisability of establishing a unit in the Roxbury section and preferably in the center of Madison Park. The health authorities regard this section as one in which steps should be taken at once for the protection of the entire city since disease is no respecter of geographical lines.

The success achieved in these departments to which I have made reference is ample proof not only of the value but of the imperative need of early action in the application of this policy of long period planning, to all activities of the municipality.

School Buildings.

The pay-as-you-go policy on appropriations for land and buildings for schools, adopted in 1916, was due in great measure to the fact that this expense was an annually recurrent one and, so long as the increase in requirements was normal each year, it seemed advisable to meet it from current taxes. In 1916 the valuation of school lands and buildings was \$22,000,000 and the bonded indebtedness was

\$16,000,000. Today the valuation of school lands and buildings is \$42,000,000 and the bonded indebtedness is \$9,900,000.

The reduction of portable school structures to the minimum and the vigorous prosecution of a construction program for a seat in a permanent school building for every pupil will perhaps represent expenditures of too great a volume to impose immediately upon the taxpayers. I accordingly advance for serious consideration the question of a return to the loan policy on school lands and buildings until such time as the school buildings plant is brought up to the point where the only annual requirements will be those caused by the normal increase in school population and the obsolescence of buildings.

Prosperity Program.

Boston, in common with all units of the American Republic, approves the program of national planning inaugurated by President Herbert Hoover as a means to promote prosperity and to end if possible seasonal unemployment. (Applause.) In conformity with the policy of the President, it is desirable that such public works as may be undertaken not only be necessary but also be such as to provide the largest opportunity for distribution in the form of wages of money expended. That encouragement may be given private individuals and corporations to aid in this prosperity program I recommend the expenditure outside the debt limit of \$10,000,000 for the acceptance and construction of streets upon which homes or business establishments have been erected. This amount may seem large, yet it is but one-fifth of what could be expended to put our highways in suitable condition for public use. The expenditure of this sum should result in a higher health standard, a lower death and accident rate through designating certain streets in each section of the city as play streets, and a reduction in the cost of operation of motor vehicles.

Conditions in the building industry render it advisable to prosecute with vigor the building construction program of the Boston City Hospital, and it is my purpose to confer at once with the hospital trustees with a view to speeding up this important work. It is essential that this be done, both from the standpoint of public health and as a means of lessening the number of the unemployed. It will result in an early and large distribution of public money and payment for labor and materials, and thereby aid in promoting general prosperity.

Library Extensions.

The Boston Public Library Trustees after a most thorough investigation are of the opinion that a fixed policy of establishing two branch libraries each year for a period of twenty years should be undertaken at once. The benefits of this method of distributing books is so self-evident that it is difficult to understand why some such policy has not been previously followed. I believe that it is sufficiently sound to justify adoption and that it will prove its value in so pronounced a manner as to make desirable its continuance by succeeding administrations, so that at the end of the twenty-year period the plant value of the library should have increased four millions of dollars without burdening any generation.

Health Insurance.

The City of Boston has invested in the development for park, bathing and general recreation purposes at Columbus Park and the Strandway, South Boston, the sum of \$1,600,000. In the opinion of the Park Commission this work could be completed by an expenditure of approximately \$750,000 and I know of no good reason why it should not be undertaken at once for the benefit of all the people of the city.

The value of the L Street Bath House not only from the standpoint of recreation but also from the standpoint of public health has long been recognized. It is much more than a Boston institution since its facilities are utilized not only by persons living within the confines of greater Boston but even by persons living outside of the Commonwealth.

The possibility of the destruction of the L Street Bath House by fire occurring either prior to or at the height of the summer season has long been recognized and the importance of conserving the health-giving opportunities of this institution must be apparent to everyone.

During my previous term a sufficient sum was made available to provide a fire-resisting bathing establishment to take the place of the present L Street Bath House fire hazard, but, for what the succeeding administration deemed sufficient reason, the money was transferred.

In connection with the completion of the Strandway development, which should include the building of permanent concrete bleachers with a seating capacity for 10,000 persons, the planting of grass, shrubbery and trees and the general improvement of the bathing beach, a new bath house should be constructed. The proposed bath house should contain a solarium, handball courts and facilities for hot salt water bathing during winter months.

I realize that the improvements recommended may involve a radical departure from the custom which has prevailed in the past, yet I nevertheless believe that rightly interpreted it is another forward step in the conservation of the health of the people which should be undertaken without delay; and I propose, accordingly, to recommend an appropriation in the sum of \$750,000 to provide for the improvements here outlined.

Studies have been made relative to the development of the Bayswater section of Orient Heights at East Boston. An expenditure in the sum of approximately \$1,000,000 would give to this section of the city a waterfront park similar to that which has been established at South Boston and it is desirable that this work be started at an early date. (Applause.)

Traffic.

The change in the Charlestown district from a purely residential one to a section rapidly becoming industrial renders it essential for the protection of the public that Bunker Hill street be smooth paved and a "white way" be established thereon. The estimated cost of this work is \$150,000 and I favor early action on the project. It is also advisable that a "white way" with traffic signal system be established on Chelsea street, both for the protection of the public and for facilitating traffic.

The intolerable traffic conditions at Governor square have for a period of six years been the subject of plans and discussion but without results. In my opinion the time has arrived to provide relief through the removal of surface tracks in the square.

During my previous administration I urged upon the Legislature the necessity of meeting this problem and introduced legislation which was finally passed in the form of chapter 341 of the Acts of 1925. This act authorizes the extension and alteration of the Boylston Street Subway for the purpose of removing the surface cars from this square and the improvement of street car service on Commonwealth avenue and Beacon street. It provides for financing along the sound lines of all our previous transit legislation, but in order to become effective must have the approval of the Directors of the Boston Elevated Railway in the form of an agreement to lease the extension. This legislation is still effective and it is my intention to call immediately into conference the Directors and Public Trustees of the Elevated Railway Company with a view to having this act accepted and construction work promptly commenced on a layout which will fit into any future comprehensive plan. (Applause.)

The transportation service upon the Huntington avenue, South Huntington avenue, and Centre street lines has been totally inadequate to meet the needs of this fast growing section of Boston and immediate relief should be provided either by the extension of the Boylston Street Subway through Huntington avenue to the junction of Tremont street and Francis street or to Brookline Village. I shall request the Corporation Counsel to draft a bill for this purpose for immediate presentation to the Legislature believing the improvement here outlined is one that is absolutely necessary. (Applause.)

It is desirable as a further measure of relief that an underpass for motor vehicle traffic be constructed at Commonwealth avenue under Massachusetts avenue through the use of a portion of the present mall.

Boston Airport.

The development of the airport at East Boston represents a problem that merits intensive study and early action. In my opinion, the airport should be extended to include Governor's Island and it is desirable that the approval of the Massachusetts Department of Public Works be secured for the extension of the line of the airport and that arrangements be made with the Federal Govern-

ment for the transfer of the custody of Governor's Island to the City of Boston. In the event that sanction is given by these authorities it should be possible through the leveling of Governor's Island to grade and fill the flats between the present lines of the airport and Governor's Island. The extended area thus reclaimed would make possible the construction of a dirigible mooring mast upon the island. I have requested a study of the development and extension if airport activities by the Planning Board and Boston Park Commission and shall, from time to time, make recommendations involving such expenditures as may be deemed necessary to the end that Boston may take first place in airport facilities over any city upon either the Atlantic or Pacific Coast. (Applause.)

Electrification.

The indications are that a consolidation of New England railroads will shortly be proposed and in my opinion it would be advisable that Boston refuse to assent to such consolidation unless provision be made for electrification at least within the metropolitan area and for a belt line connecting all rail and steamship terminals. (Applause.)

The utilization of a portion of the roadbed of the Boston & Maine Railroad, the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, the Boston & Albany Railroad and the Narrow Gauge Railroad as a means of improving rapid transit facilities at a minimum of cost as has been done in the Dorchester, Ashmont and Mattapan sections of Boston is worthy of serious study at the present time.

Metropolitan District.

The City of Boston in 1929 was required to pay as its proportionate share of the cost of metropolitan activities the sum of \$4,464,227.71, divided as follows:

Metropolitan Sewers.....	\$433,399 57
Metropolitan Parks.....	1,110,027 88
Charles River Basin.....	221,788 33
Southern Artery.....	33,867 49
Northern Artery.....	129,806 00
Miscellaneous Assessments.....	75,841 27
	\$2,004,730 94
Metropolitan Water.....	2,459,496 77
Total.....	\$4,464,227 71

Apparently it is the purpose of the state government to extend the scope of its activities and control over the affairs of cities and towns within the metropolitan area, so called, until such time as the officials in charge of such cities and towns become purely figureheads.

The deplorable feature of metropolitan district control lies in the fact that the cities and towns comprising the metropolitan district have no direct voice in the matter of expenditures and in the case of Boston are practically without representation upon the membership of the commissions.

It would appear desirable in view of the mounting expense of the metropolitan district, the major portion of which is borne by the City of Boston, that the cities and towns comprising the metropolitan district be allowed representation upon these commissions. (Applause.)

As a further measure of protection I favor the appointment of a Metropolitan District Finance Commission, the membership to be selected by the Mayors and Boards of Selectmen in each county within the metropolitan district, and the representation to be proportionate to the annual expenditures made for the support of the metropolitan district, and the Metropolitan Finance Commission so appointed to be given the power to supervise, investigate and report upon all work now or hereafter conducted under or by Metropolitan District Commissions. (Applause.) Legislation to this end should be sought at an early date and I shall instruct the Law Department to draft a bill at once with a view to safeguarding the money of the taxpayers of the cities and towns within the metropolitan district.

The problems that confront the City of Boston today, an equitable solution of which would represent an expenditure of many hundreds of millions of dollars, are not primarily Boston problems; rather may they be more properly termed Greater Boston problems. The city has its limitations in the matter of expenditures of public money and could, without serious burdening of the taxpayers, conduct its business upon a low tax rate with the

same smug complacency as other cities and towns within a radius of fifteen miles of the State House. An ever-increasing demand, however, is constantly made for improved transportation facilities, subway, tunnel and highway, the cost of which is borne by the City of Boston despite the fact that in nearly every case the improvements are made largely for the convenience and benefit of adjoining cities and towns.

Metropolitan Boston.

I am fully aware of the objections that may be presented to the enactment of legislation providing for the establishment of a Greater Boston, notwithstanding the fact that the inclusion of the cities and towns within fifteen miles of the State House would give Boston fourth rank as against eighth place, as at present, among American cities. The industrial and commercial benefits that would accrue in consequence of this more favorable position are self-evident. It must be likewise apparent to every thoughtful citizen that Boston with a population approximating 800,000 cannot continue to bear the burdens that should be borne in part by the cities and towns within the Greater Boston area, which are beneficiaries of transit, highway and other expenditures. (Applause.) The principal argument against the creation of a Greater Boston is based on the retention of local autonomy. This consideration has not been permitted to prevail in the case of the seven leading American cities which today outrank Boston in population and it should not be allowed to stand in the way of a movement beneficial to every city and town and to the state itself.

The principle which actuated the joint action of our cities and towns in developing a metropolitan water district, a metropolitan sewer district, and a metropolitan parks district, is the same principle which caused Chicago, Cleveland, Los Angeles, New York, Detroit, and practically every other great urban center in the country to initiate programs looking to development not only within their own physical limits, but including at the same time the cities and towns within a radius of ten, twenty or thirty miles. It is the same principle which will influence the region in the vicinity of Boston at no far distant date to unite in its consideration of those matters which are of common interest and common concern.

London County Council.

In many respects our situation here in Boston today is analogous to that which existed in the vicinity of London up to seventy-five years ago. Previous to 1855 the government of London was in a state of chaos. Municipal regulations were administered by no less than three hundred distinct boards, and more than 10,000 persons were participating in the government of the community. The statement is made, and this is not without counterpart in our own vicinity, that in some districts the dividing line between adjoining communities ran down the center of the main road.

In appealing for united action in matters of common concern William Gladstone stated, "The principle of unity has already been established under the pressure of necessity as a matter which could not be resisted. . . . unity of government in the metropolis is the only method on which we can proceed for producing municipal reform." The agitation finally resulted, in 1888, in the creation of the London County Council, which assumed and still maintains its position as the central governing body. In addition, there have been established twenty-eight metropolitan boroughs, each with its own Mayor, Board of Aldermen and City Council, exercising jurisdiction over matters of local concern and, in conjunction with the London County Council, over the larger matters of common interest. Thus was London unified and welded together by the adoption of this coordinated system of government and for the first time in history it took its place as one great city rather than a mere conglomeration of petty, jarring authorities. The principle of unity was established and has been found satisfactory.

Borough System.

The necessity for similar action in our own metropolitan area is recognized today. The only difference of opinion lies in the adaptation of that principle to our own needs. If the solution is the borough system of government, which has brought order out of the great problem of London govern-

ment which had so long vexed and perplexed successive generations, then its practical application to our own necessities should be given careful consideration. If the solution lies in the development of a regional area and a regional plan, as has been done in other large centers of population, then that also should have the most careful consideration. The fact remains that the awakening to a new social consciousness among city dwellers may well be said to be the most significant tendency of the new century. We have become regional-minded. Failure on the part of our governmental agencies to recognize this tendency in our social and economic life is nothing short of a repudiation of our traditional system of a democracy for the people and by the people.

I favor the appointment of a committee consisting of recognized authorities upon the subject of municipal government to investigate as to the feasibility of the creation of a metropolitan district of government fashioned possibly along the lines of the London County Council, as I am firmly of the opinion that only through the united action of the cities and towns within the metropolitan district area is worthwhile progress possible. (Applause.)

Unemployment Relief.

Investigation discloses the fact that the ranks of the unemployed have been greatly augmented due to business depression and that among those seeking aid from the municipality may be found hundreds of self-respecting and able-bodied men who have never previously found it necessary to request aid from any source.

It is the duty of the city, in so far as is consistent with sound business principles and humane instincts, to provide for the employment of as many of these men as may be possible.

An appropriation for an additional golf course has been authorized by the City Council and the Park Department possesses title to some 2,000,000 square feet of land in the West Roxbury section which could be cleared and made available as a golf course and, provided no additional land were necessary, the entire amount appropriated for this purpose could be utilized in the employment of heads of families in the clearing, grading and development of this project. (Applause.) Accordingly I commend to your earnest and early consideration action upon this improvement which, with others contemplated, may serve a most helpful purpose.

Tax and Loan Limits.

The granting to the City of Boston of authority to determine its own tax limit was given consideration by the Legislature in 1929 and, for reasons with which I am not acquainted, the former Mayor was not in favor of the removal of the tax limit. The City of Boston occupies a most unfortunate and unique position as contrasted with other cities of the Commonwealth in the matter of determining its tax limit. This discrimination should no longer be tolerated. I favor the adoption of such legislation as will permit the City of Boston to fix its own tax limit. (Applause.)

What is true with reference to the tax limit is equally true with reference to the limit for sewerage construction, and likewise city debt. The cost of sewerage construction has increased some 300 per cent since the adoption of the present statutory restrictions and as a consequence the city is greatly hampered in the matter of extension of sewerage works. I accordingly favor the removal of the restrictions upon limit of borrowing power for sewerage purposes.

The debt incurring power within the debt limit is inadequate to meet present day requirements in every city and town of the Commonwealth, and more particularly so in the case of Boston. I accordingly favor enactment of such legislation as will permit of a 50 per cent increase in the debt incurring power of all cities and towns of the Commonwealth.

Revenue Apportionment.

The Gasoline Tax Law has resulted in the receipt by the Commonwealth of a larger sum than was anticipated and much larger than was formerly received by the Commonwealth from automobile fees and registrations. The cities and towns in the Commonwealth are required to bear the burden of additional street construction and maintenance caused by increased automobile and truck traffic. I believe this burden should be alleviated by the distribution to the

cities and towns of at least half of the revenue received by the Commonwealth from the gasoline tax, for the purpose of highway construction. I shall recommend to the Legislature that legislation be enacted authorizing such a distribution. (Applause.)

I am advised that the County of Suffolk is now bearing an unfair proportion of the expense of transacting court business in the Supreme Judicial and Superior Courts of the County of Suffolk, due to the fact that in many instances causes arising in other counties are transferred to the County of Suffolk. This in my opinion should be corrected by legislation, which will require those counties wherein these transferred causes arise to reimburse the County of Suffolk for the expense involved.

Street Widening.

It requires no stretch of the imagination to foresee that very much must be added to our thoroughfare system within the next few years if it is to meet the demands of the constantly increasing automobile traffic. The automobile industry, including trucks, pleasure cars and motorcycles, has increased more than 100 per cent in the last five years, while road building throughout the country has increased only one-eighth as fast. This means that not only Boston but every large center of population is faced with a tremendous construction program which will in many respects change the entire aspect of our cities. The widening of Summer street and of L street from the Army Base to the Strandway; the widening of Dorchester avenue, from Fort Point channel to the south; the widening of Preble street, from Dorchester avenue to the Strandway; the opportunity afforded by the reconstruction of the Federal Building for an exchange of a strip of land 15 feet in width upon Devonshire street for a similar strip in Post Office square, and the opportunity for similar negotiations in connection with the development of the United States Hotel property are all matters obviously in need of consideration.

The City Planning Board has practically completed a comprehensive thoroughfare plan designed to provide in a logical way for traffic needs during a twenty-five year period. In order of their urgency, a construction program and a financial program are also being worked out. There is much to be gained by following a consistent, well-thought-out program of public improvements. Piecemeal projects are invariably wasteful. Each new improvement should fit into a general plan and add to the efficiency of those already accomplished. Projects involving large expenditures of money must be subjected to the searchlight of public opinion in order to ascertain not only what the improvement will cost in dollars and cents, but what return will be made to the community in the way of convenience and facility of traffic movement.

Not riches but the life that a community provides is its real wealth.

Tercentenary and Veterans' Memorial.

The celebration of the tercentenary of the settlement of Massachusetts Bay affords an opportunity to establish a permanent memorial to the founders and at the same time discharge an obligation which has been too long overdue; namely, a memorial of the soldiers, sailors and marines who gave of their health and strength, even to the supreme sacrifice itself, in the late war, in order that their country, state and city might endure. (Applause.) No more fitting recognition of the enduring work of the forefathers and the war service of their successors in this generation could be devised than a memorial building which would stand not only as expression of the appreciation of their fellow citizens but also as a reminder to the youth of this and future generations that there is no higher attribute than loyalty.

Such a memorial building, on the westerly side of the State House, possibly on the plot bounded by Mt. Vernon, Joy and Beacon streets, could appropriately house the Supreme Judicial Court, the Land Court, the Social Law Library and the Commission on Probation, and thereby relieve for a considerable period the overcrowding of the Suffolk County Court House.

Conclusion.

The expenditures of the Public Welfare Department are an unflinching barometer as to industrial

prosperity or depression, and the amount required in the closing months of 1929 indicates that there is dire need at present.

Until a sane economic policy is devised unemployment will continue to exist. In its train come poverty, crime and disease; and to combat these evils it is necessary to furnish work and wages to those in need of sustenance and employment.

The city can do much, but private industry properly encouraged can do more, and to the promotion and encouragement of commerce and industry our every effort should be directed. (Applause.)

The solution of all these problems requires the action and approval of the City Council. Too often in the past the attention of the citizens has been centered on the inauguration, personality and policies of the chief executive; losing sight of the fact that this ceremony is also the inauguration day of the members of the City Council, who have been selected by the people to act as a Board of Directors. Since the curtailing of their powers along certain executive and administrative lines by the so-called Good Government Charter of 1909 it has become customary for those having little knowledge of the foundations of municipal government to make light of the City Council membership and attempt to belittle their importance. Nothing is more unwarranted and unfair—and no one can more appreciate from actual experience their power and influence for good administration, and the necessity for their hearty cooperation and assistance than I. From my knowledge of the caliber of the men whom the people have selected to represent them in the present honorable body I feel certain of that cooperation and assistance to the fullest degree. (Applause.)

The task confronting us is no new one, and providing we essay it with courage, confidence and faith in Almighty God, success will crown our efforts and we will merit the appreciation of a grateful citizenship.

May we serve with fidelity, and achieve mightily, and as God was to our fathers may He be to us. (Great applause.)

The Mayor and suite and the members of the City Council withdrew from Symphony Hall.

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

The City Council of 1930 were called to order in the Council Chamber, City Hall, by Coun. DONOVAN, President of the City Council of 1929, at 12.35 p. m.

Chairman DONOVAN—The Council will be in order. The Chair will call on Coun. Cox of West Roxbury, the senior member of the Council, to preside.

Coun. COX took the chair and said:

The clerk will call the roll to ascertain the presence of a quorum.

The clerk called the roll and all the members of the Council were found to be present, as follows:

Ward 1, Timothy F. Donovan; Ward 2, Thomas H. Green; Ward 3, John I. Fitzgerald; Ward 4, Seth F. Arnold; Ward 5, Laurence Curtis, 2d; Ward 6, Michael J. Mahoney; Ward 7, William G. Lynch; Ward 8, John F. Dowd; Ward 9, Richard D. Gleason; Ward 10, Leo F. Power; Ward 11, Edward L. Englert; Ward 12, Herman L. Bush; Ward 13, Joseph McGrath; Ward 14, Israel Ruby; Ward 15, Francis E. Kelly; Ward 16, Albert L. Fish; Ward 17, Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.; Ward 18, Clement A. Norton; Ward 19, Peter A. Murray; Ward 20, Joseph P. Cox; Ward 21, James Hein; Ward 22, Edward M. Gallagher.

Chairman COX—A quorum is in attendance. Motions, orders and resolutions.

Coun. MAHONEY—Mr. Chairman, I move that we now ballot for the election of a president.

Coun. DONOVAN—I would move to amend that, Mr. Chairman, that we ballot for a president for the current municipal year, 1930.

Coun. MAHONEY—Mr. Chairman, I accept the amendment.

The Council voted to proceed to a ballot for president for 1930. The clerk called the roll, with the following result:

For Edward M. Gallagher—Coun. Arnold, Fox, Curtis, Dowd, Englert, Fish, Gallagher, Hein, Kelly, Norton, Power—11.

For John I. Fitzgerald—Coun. Bush, Donovan, Fitzgerald, Gleason, Green, Lynch, Mahoney, McGrath, Ruby—9.

For Joseph P. Cox—Coun. Murray—1.

For Herman L. Bush—Coun. Wilson—1.

And there was no choice.

Coun. FISH—Mr. Chairman, I move you, sir, that we now proceed to the election of a president for the ensuing year.

Coun. DOWD—Mr. Chairman, before that ballot is cast, let me state that last year when this Council balloted for president it took nearly one hundred ballots to elect our president. It took us three months before the City Council really started to function. Today we sit down again as a representative body of the citizens of the City of Boston and we find nine new faces in this Council. I hope and trust that the word will not go out today that the City Council is again deadlocked on this issue. It is very plain who a majority of the councilors who have voted really desire to have as their president. Then, why prolong the situation? Councilor Gallagher of Brighton has eleven votes for the presidency of the Council. There is not an individual here who would not like to be president. I do not want it to be said, however, that we cannot agree on any candidate. We can and should do so, and I hope and trust that on the next ballot Mr. Gallagher will receive the twelfth and deciding vote.

Coun. Fish's motion to proceed to the election of a president for the year 1930 was declared carried, and the clerk called the roll with the following result:

For Edward M. Gallagher—Coun. Arnold, Cox, Curtis, Dowd, Englert, Fish, Gallagher, Hein, Kelly, Norton, Power—11.

For John I. Fitzgerald—Coun. Bush, Donovan, Fitzgerald, Gleason, Green, Lynch, Mahoney, McGrath, Ruby—9.

For Joseph P. Cox—Coun. Murray—1.

For Herman L. Bush—Coun. Wilson—1.

And there was no choice.

The Council at this point proceeded to draw jurors, Coun. RUBY being appointed to preside at the box in the absence of the Mayor, as follows:

Seven additional grand jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear January 8, 1930:

Frank Gallagher, Ward 2; Benjamin F. Braxton, Ward 8; William T. Bird, Ward 11; Robert F. Burns, Ward 11; Daniel J. O'Brien, Ward 13; Clarence E. Emerson, Ward 20; Henry W. Inman, Ward 21.

Twenty-six traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, First Session, January Sitting, to appear February 3, 1930:

John A. J. McGaffigan, Ward 2; Daniel J. Quirk, Ward 3; Walter A. Foster, Ward 4; James Elliott, Ward 7; Thomas J. Kyle, Ward 7; George P. Knight, Ward 9; Patrick J. McNulty, Ward 10; James J. O'Connor, Ward 10; Charles J. Donovan, Ward 11; James F. Feeney, Ward 11; John T. Hardcastle, Ward 11; Everett J. O'Brien, Ward 11; William L. Simmons, Ward 11; Charles F. Wehner, Ward 11; James E. Lynch, Ward 13; Louis Goldstein, Ward 14; Samuel Winnick, Ward 14; Edward J. Tutty, Ward 16; Neal P. Boyle, Ward 17; Samuel Williams, Ward 17; Edward M. Croak, Ward 19; Rudolph Lippold, Ward 19; Frank S. Mahan, Ward 19; Robert J. Matthews, Ward 20; Roy D. Lurvey, Ward 21; James L. Howland, Ward 22.

Twenty-six traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Second Session, January Sitting, to appear February 3, 1930:

Abraham Shuman, Ward 1; William W. Stevens, Ward 2; Louis Levenson, Ward 3; Louis Bernhardt, Ward 4; Albert E. Kent, Ward 5; Robert J. Craven, Ward 6; Daniel M. O'Brien, Ward 8; Frederick H. Trueman, Ward 9; Audrey Sasche, Ward 10; John J. Gill, Ward 11; Edward F. Reddington, Ward 11; Ernest Fitzgerald, Ward 12; Fred H. Livingston, Ward 13; Harry I. Fox, Ward 14; Alfred Rogers Bevens, Ward 16; Robert G. Krumscheid, Ward 16; Edward J. Connelly, Ward 17; Royden W. Curtis, Ward 18; William J. Jacobs, Ward 19; Charles T. Allen, Ward 20; John Frankin Johnson, Ward 20; William H. Northwood, Ward 20; John F. Pfau, Jr., Ward 20; Felix Winternitz, Ward 21; Charles H. Chase, Ward 22; Michael J. Walsh, Ward 22.

Twenty-six traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Third Session, January Sitting, to appear February 3, 1930:

Anthony Almeida, Ward 1; Joseph R. Faulkner, Ward 1; Daniel H. Sheehan, Ward 1; Kasper H. Dagdigian, Ward 4; Louis M. Jacobs, Ward 4; Patrick Bouzan, Ward 6; Thomas J. Duggan, Ward 7; Francis M. Golden, Ward 7; J. Frank Sheehan, Ward 7; James J. McGonigle, Ward 9; Frank J. McCarthy, Ward 11; Robert J. Noonan, Ward 11; Gustaf J. Westberg, Ward 11; Thomas H. Carr, Ward 13; Lewis Cirillo, Ward 13; John A. McWade, Ward 15; Charles J. Blessington, Ward 17; Joseph Cooper, Ward 18; William W. Schlehauf, Ward 19; Earl D. Woolman, Ward 19; Henry F. Mitchell, Ward 20; John F. Robinson, Ward 20; John A. Rooney, Ward 20; Philip W. Stevens, Ward 21; Joseph F. Hayes, Ward 22; Arthur H. Kolsti, Ward 22.

Twenty-nine traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Fourth Session, January Sitting, to appear February 3, 1930:

Samuel E. Barber, Ward 1; Leonard McGough, Ward 2; Michael A. Cotter, Ward 3; Hyman M. Packer, Ward 3; Eugene F. McLaughlin, Ward 5; James McConnell, Ward 4; Frank A. Reardon, Ward 7; Everett L. Leckey, Ward 9; Joseph F. Cain, Ward 11; Mark E. Pearlmutter, Ward 11; Joseph M. Stapleton, Ward 11; Wilbur E. Little, Ward 12; William LeRoy Roper, Ward 12; John F. Honen, Ward 13; William J. Horan, Ward 13; Jacob S. Fishman, Ward 14; Joseph L. Kenney, Ward 14; Henry Parnes, Ward 14; Samuel I. Siegel, Ward 14; Daniel C. Godfrey, Ward 16; Peter Holland, Ward 16; Edward F. Concrey, Ward 17; Leo F. Menz, Ward 19; Albert P. Bauer, Ward 20; Ernest C. Martin, Ward 20; Wellington O. Sawyer, Ward 20; Charles H. Smith, Ward 20; Ellis W. Jones, Ward 21; Albert J. White, Ward 22.

Twenty-seven traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Fifth Session, January Sitting, to appear February 3, 1930:

Cornelius A. Donahue, Ward 1; William F. Cahill, Ward 2; Leopold Cincotti, Ward 3; Simon H. Schwartz, Ward 3; Barney W. King, Ward 5; Timothy J. McLaughlin, Ward 5; Joseph DiNatale, Ward 6; Stephen J. Fitzpatrick, Ward 6; Angus McIsaac, Ward 9; Lawrence J. Manning, Ward 10; Lawrence J. Baker, Ward 11; Frederick L. Hill, Ward 12; Louis Mazor, Ward 14; Anthony F. Spinnelli, Ward 14; James Leo Callahan, Ward 15; Patrick F. Dorney, Ward 15; Theodore J. Cobb, Ward 16; Jerome J. Hart, Ward 16; John Regan, Ward 16; Peter Martin, Ward 17; Herman Tobias, Ward 17; John R. Hewes, Ward 18; Clayton A. Boylen, Ward 19; Charles W. Osborne, Ward 20; Stephen Y. Mann, Ward 21; Richard B. Davis, Jr., Ward 22; Thomas W. Laffey, Ward 22.

Twenty-six traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Sixth Session, January Sitting, to appear February 3, 1930:

Nicholas Flanagan, Ward 1; Richard Devlin, Ward 2; Thomas A. Kennedy, Ward 2; Edward H. MacDonald, Ward 2; Perry Leo Monaghan, Ward 2; Gordan T. Berry, Ward 5; Samuel Gold, Ward 5; Edward A. Casey, Ward 7; William D. Gillis, Ward 7; Charles A. Koe, Ward 7; Max Chaban, Ward 8; Carl F. W. Ellinger, Ward 9; Ernest P. Locke, Ward 12; James M. Healey, Ward 13; Peter J. Conboy, Ward 14; Charles J. Lamb, Jr., Ward 14; Arthur J. Boyde, Ward 15; Joseph D. Carey, Ward 15; Charles E. Upham, Ward 15; Louis H. Perry, Ward 18; William E. Benson, Ward 20; Oscar W. Swangren, Ward 20; Salisbury S. Collinson, Ward 21; John Segerson, Ward 21; Arthur E. Newcomb, Ward 22; Bernard W. Shutte, Ward 22.

Twenty-eight traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Seventh Session, January Sitting, to appear February 3, 1930:

Frederic W. Alexander, Ward 1; Thomas J. Connolly, Ward 2; James J. King, Ward 2; Harry Siegal, Ward 3; William J. McAuliffe, Ward 4; William J. Baldwin, Ward 6; Charles T. Calnan, Ward 6; Charles B. Fitzgerald, Ward 6; John J. Groden, Ward 7; James E. Morrill, Ward 7; Charles R. Williams, Ward 7; Edward H. Flood, Ward 8; John J. Lawlor, Ward 8; Herman H. Patterson, Ward 8; William A. Mitchell, Ward 9; Palmer C. Thompson, Ward 9; George

A. Emery, Ward 11; Phillip L. King, Ward 13; Morris Goodman, Ward 14; Samuel Hurwitz, Ward 14; Edward D. Leane, Ward 15; John Joseph Eckert, Ward 16; Michael H. Sullivan, Ward 16; Arthur V. Davidson, Ward 17; Elton E. Tucker, Ward 18; John H. Beverstock, Ward 20; Henry L. Emrich, Ward 20; Leo H. Collins, Ward 22.

Twenty-nine traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Eighth Session, January Sitting, to appear February 3, 1930:

John L. Holverson, Ward 1; Thomas R. Rawson, Ward 1; William J. Campin, Ward 2; James H. Manning, Ward 2; Daniel J. H. Collins, Ward 4; John S. Rogers, Ward 4; Patrick E. Boylan, Ward 6; Walter H. Ingersoll, Ward 6; Michael J. O'Donnell, Ward 6; Jeffrey M. Prendergast, Ward 7; Herbert F. Curran, Ward 8; Peter Reilly, Ward 8; Thomas Kely, Ward 10; Edward F. Waldschmidt, Ward 10; James P. Harrington, Ward 11; John I. Johnson, Ward 12; William Gerity, Ward 13; Thomas J. McNamara, Ward 13; Harry Epstein, Ward 14; Joseph Jacobs, Ward 14; Jacob Kaplan, Ward 14; Harry Lederman, Ward 14; Robert Miller, Ward 16; Wilson Spencer, Ward 18; Arthur Brown, Ward 20; Frank D. Ham, Ward 20; Albert W. Honer, Ward 20; Paul O. Huntington, Ward 22; George M. Innes, Ward 22.

Thirty-one traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, First Session, to appear February 3, 1930:

Walter F. Reardon, Ward 1; Clifford B. Bragdon, Ward 1; Thomas J. Croak, Ward 1; John J. Clifford, Ward 3; David McLaughlin, Ward 3; Stanley G. Balcom, Ward 5; Joseph W. Hasse, Ward 6; William B. Kennedy, Ward 6; Joseph L. Canty, Ward 11; Timothy B. Clark, Ward 11; Thomas J. Rowen, Ward 11; Matthew T. White, Ward 11; Frederick W. Bickford, Ward 12; Herbert W. Toombs, Ward 12; Joseph H. De-laney, Ward 13; Thomas F. Murphy, Ward 13; Frank Schwartz, Ward 13; Max Rudin, Ward 14; John E. Norton, Ward 15; William R. Mann, Ward 16; Willard E. Jones, Ward 17; Hobart W. Troop, Ward 17; George H. Lang, Ward 18; William L. Anderson, Ward 19; Patrick J. Buckley, Ward 19; Raymond F. Hicks, Ward 19; Albert T. Shea, Ward 19; Charles E. Burkett, Ward 20; Lars A. Svenson, Ward 20; James Hill, Ward 22; Carl F. Peterson, Ward 17.

Eight traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, Second Session, to appear February 5, 1930:

James Taylor, Ward 4; Frank E. Lawson, Ward 9; William Leach, Ward 11; Nathan Goldblatt, Ward 17; Francis G. McDonough, Ward 17; James L. Berry, Ward 20; Roy C. Call, Ward 20; George M. Clausen, Ward 20.

Thirty-one traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, Fourth Session, to appear February 3, 1930:

Michael J. Barry, Ward 1; Charles A. Halstead, Ward 1; Frank H. Lynch, Ward 2; Andre Cunio, Ward 3; William Driscoll, Ward 3; Peter E. Griffin, Ward 3; Andrew L. Stafford, Ward 5; George H. Noonan, Ward 6; Dominick DeWolf, Ward 6; Richard M. Coyne, Ward 7; Arthur E. Leary, Ward 7; Joseph F. Walsh, Ward 8; James J. Byrne, Ward 9; Frank M. Hennessy, Ward 10; Daniel J. Keefe, Ward 10; John J. VanWart, Ward 10; William S. Zink, Ward 10; Michael M. Keleher, Ward 11; John A. McDonald, Ward 11; Carl M. Hunt, Ward 12; Philip Paris, Ward 14; John H. Thompson, Ward 15; George E. O'Brien, Ward 15; Nathan Gilman, Ward 17; William E. Kean, Ward 17; John J. Riley, Ward 17; Frederick R. Burnham, Ward 18; George L. Kind, Ward 18; Leory A. Grant, Ward 20; James D. Russell, Ward 20; Charles E. Newcomb, Ward 22.

Thirty-one traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, Fifth Session, to appear February 3, 1930:

Joseph M. Barretto, Ward 1; Anthony Leone, Ward 1; Francis J. Stevenson, Ward 1; Joseph Doherty, Ward 2; Frank H. Jacques, Ward 4; William Bauer, Jr., Ward 7; Walter E. Petersen, Ward 7; Pasquale E. Cambria, Ward 8; Jeremiah Quinn, Ward 8; Waldo E. Booth, Ward 9; Nicholas A. Lang, Jr., Ward 10; John J. Garrity, Ward 11; Edward Thomas O'Brien, Ward 13; Robert J. Stutz, Ward 11; Aloysius B. Graustuck, Ward 13; Charles H. Harrington, Ward 13; Daniel McVarish, Ward 13; Aaron D. Zarling

Ward 14; Joseph Chaisson, Ward 15; Charles F. Donoghue, Ward 15; Joseph M. May, Ward 15; William P. Johnson, Ward 17; Harry A. Lynn, Ward 17; George F. Elliot, Ward 18; Louis F. Gebhardt, Ward 19; William A. Crawford, Ward 21; Ralph O. Fenton, Ward 21; Thomas F. Fadden, Ward 22; George A. McLellan, Ward 22; Frank J. S. Seldon, Jr., Ward 22; J. Edward Sullivan, Ward 22.

PAYMENT OF AID TO SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

Coun. MAHONEY offered the following:

Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 115 of the General Laws, and acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto, the amounts set forth in the list of allowances hereto annexed, for the month of January, 1930, of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families residing in the City of Boston or having a settlement therein, be hereby approved and paid until otherwise ordered, unless the person named shall previously become ineligible to receive said aid.

Passed.

RULES OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

Coun. McGRATH offered the following:

Ordered, That the rules of the City Council of 1929, except Rules 13, 24 and 34, be adopted as the temporary rules of this body, until permanent rules are adopted.

Passed.

REINSTATEMENT OF MICHAEL KELLEY.

Coun. MAHONEY offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council favors legislation providing for the reinstatement of Michael Kelley in the Boston Fire Department.

Passed.

LEGISLATION IN RE CONSTRUCTION OF STREETS.

Coun. FITZGERALD offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council favors the enactment of legislation providing for the laying out and construction of certain streets and highways in the City of Boston.

Passed.

UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION IN BOSTON.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Whereas, The unemployment situation in Boston is extremely acute at the present time; and

Whereas, A statement appeared in the local newspapers during the past week to the effect that the Boston Navy Yard is to be closed down within a few days because no work has been assigned there, which will mean the discharge of several hundred mechanics and skilled laborers; and

Whereas, In view of the fact that President Hoover has held several conferences with leaders of industry in the United States in an effort to devise ways and means to stabilize industry, it is the opinion of the members of the City Council of Boston that President Hoover should instruct Secretary of the Navy Adams to send work to the Boston Navy Yard and thus follow out the principles which he has been advocating; therefore be it

Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to communicate immediately with President Hoover asking him to instruct the Secretary of the Navy to at once assign work to the Boston Navy Yard and thus forestall the threatened discharge of hundreds of employees.

Passed.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.

Coun. ARNOLD—Mr. Chariman, I move that we proceed to the election of a president for the current municipal year, 1930.

The motion was carried, and the clerk called the roll, with the following result:

For Edward M. Gallagher—Coun. Arnold, Cox, Curtis, Dowd, Englert, Fish, Gallagher, Hein, Kelly, Norton, Power—11.

For John I. Fitzgerald—Coun. Donovan, Fitzgerald, Gleason, Green, Lynch, Mahoney, McGrath, Murray, Ruby—9.

For Robert G. Wilson, Jr.—Coun. Bush—1.

For Herman L. Bush—Coun. Wilson—1.

And there was no choice.

Coun. MAHONEY—Mr. President, I move that we now take another ballot for president for the municipal year 1930.

Coun. DOWD—Mr. President, whereas it appears that this Council is again going to be deadlocked on balloting for president, and as I have done my utmost to elect the man of my choice, Councilor Gallagher, I desire to inform the Council that on the next ballot I am going to vote for the man whom I feel will be the next President of the Council, Councilor Lynch of South Boston.

Chairman COX—The clerk will call the roll.

The clerk called the roll, with the following result:

For Edward M. Gallagher—Coun. Arnold, Cox, Curtis, Englert, Fish, Gallagher, Hein, Kelly, Norton, Power—9.

For Robert G. Wilson, Jr.—Coun. Bush—1.

For Joseph P. Cox—Coun. Murray—1.

For William G. Lynch—Coun. Donovan, Dowd, Fitzgerald, Gleason, Green, Lynch, Mahoney, McGrath, Ruby, Wilson—10.

Before the vote was announced, the following members arose and changed their votes for President for 1930 to William G. Lynch—Coun. Bush, Murray, Englert, Fish, Power.

Chairman COX—William G. Lynch has fifteen votes, Edward M. Gallagher seven, and William G. Lynch is elected President of the Council for the municipal year 1930. (Applause.) The Chair appoints Coun. Dowd and Donovan to escort Mr. Lynch to the chair.

The committee performed the duty assigned, and President Lynch assumed the chair.

President LYNCH—Fellow members of the City Council, I am very proud to receive this honor at your hands. I can only say that I hope that when I leave the office it will be with your best wishes and that I will have been able to fulfill the duties of the office as capably and fairly as my predecessor. I thank you once more. (Applause.) The Chair awaits the pleasure of the Council.

REPAVING OF ELM HILL AVENUE.

Coun. BUSH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to include in the budget for 1930 a sum sufficient to repave Elm Hill avenue, Ward 12, with either asphalt or bitulithic pavement.

Passed.

UNIFORMS OF FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS.

Coun. RUBY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioners of the Fire and Police Departments be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to see that all future contracts for the manufacture of uniforms for the members of their respective departments be awarded to firms having a place of manufacture in Boston, and preferably to citizens of Boston.

Coun. RUBY—Mr. President, now that the Council has organized I do not feel restrained from introducing this resolution, especially after hearing, as we did this morning, in that wonderful inaugural address of the Mayor, his reference to the unemployment situation in Boston. I know that his sentiments are those expressed in this order—that, certainly with the present unemployment here, uniforms which are used for employees of the City of Boston should be manufactured in our city, and certainly where such uniforms can be as well or better manufactured here as in any other city in the country. If I am correctly informed, the uniforms worn by the police of Boston today are made in Philadelphia, and I cannot for the life of me understand how we can expect to encourage industry and the employment of our own citizen labor unless we, functioning as a City Council, endeavor through our department heads to have the city itself set an example along that line. I am also informed that there will be in the very near future contracts for the manufacture of both firemen's and policemen's uniforms here. There are today,

if I understand correctly, over 1,600 men in the personnel of the Fire Department and almost 2,300 in the personnel of the Police Department. If those uniforms are made in Boston from goods purchased in Boston, we will be helping to relieve the unemployment situation here and will have helped to carry out the suggestions in the inaugural of his Honor the Mayor this morning. I ask for a suspension of the rule and the passage of the order. The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

REFERENCE TO COMMITTEES.

Coun. McGRATH offered the following:
Ordered, That matters referred to this City Council by the City Council of 1929 be referred to the appropriate committees of this body when appointed.
Passed.

RULES FOR PROCEEDINGS.

Coun. McGRATH offered the following:
Ordered, That a committee of five members of the City Council be appointed to prepare and report rules for the proceedings of this body.
Passed.

Coun. MURRAY—Mr. President, I now move that we proceed to a ballot for document clerk of the City Council for the ensuing year.

Coun. FITZGERALD—Mr. President, I offer a substitute motion, that the Council take a recess for ten minutes.

The motion to take a recess was lost.

Coun. BUSH—Mr. President, I move that the matter be referred to the Executive Committee.

Coun. Bush's motion was put and the Chair, being in doubt, called for a rising vote. The motion to refer the matter to the Executive Committee was carried by a rising vote.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I move that we take a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Council voted, at 1.18 p. m., to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The members reassembled in the Council Chamber at 3.50 p. m., President LYNCH in the chair.

ELECTION OF DOCUMENT MAN.

Coun. KELLY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Council now proceed to the election of a document man in the City Messenger Department.

Coun. KELLY—Mr. President, may I suggest, while there are several candidates for this position, that, in my opinion, there is no person better qualified to fill the position than the candidate from my district. I believe he is entitled to the position, and I am going to ask each and every member here, particularly the new members, to cast their vote for Thomas W. McMahon for the office of document clerk.

Coun. Kelly's motion to proceed with a ballot for document clerk was declared carried, and the clerk called the roll, with the following result:

For Thomas W. McMahon—Coun. Arnold, Bush, Curtis, Donovan, Dowd, Englert, Fish, Gallagher, Gleason, Green, Hein, Kelly, Lynch, Mahoney, McGrath, Norton, Power, Ruby, Wilson—19. For Peter J. Murphy—Coun. Murray—1.

Before the result was announced, Coun. MURRAY said:

Mr. President, I would like to change my vote from Mr. Murphy to Mr. McMahon, to make it unanimous.

President LYNCH—Mr. McMahon has twenty votes and is duly elected to the position of document clerk.

Adjourned at 4.03 p. m., on motion of Coun. RUBY, to meet on Monday, January 13, 1930, at 2 p. m.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, January 13, 1930.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President LYNCH in the chair. Absent, Coun. Wilson.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the following appointments by the Mayor for the term ending April 30, 1930, were received, viz.:

Weigher of Coal: James McGovern, 7 Monto place, Allston.

Constables: John J. Stanton, 10 Tebroc street; Samuel Charles Koupchik, 39 North Russell street, city; Gabriel Grappoccio, 62 Allen street, Boston; Thomas J. Killian, 49 Warner street, Dorchester; John Anderson, 19 Radford lane, Dorchester; William E. Elton, 144 Bayswater street, East Boston; George Nelson, 224 Bunker Hill street, Charlestown; Frederick J. Lundy, 64 Lambert avenue, Roxbury; Patrick J. Monahan, 126 Cedar street, Roxbury; James V. Hartrey, 895 Fourth street, South Boston; Barney C. DeLuca, 72 Alexander street, Dorchester; Joseph J. O'Mara, 468 Eighth street, South Boston.

Severally laid over a week under the law.

TEMPORARY LOAN IN ANTICIPATION OF TAXES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, January 13, 1930.

To the Honorable City Council.

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the attached request and I recommend to your honorable body for adoption the accompanying order providing for the necessary funds to meet the financial requirements in anticipation of taxes for the year 1930.

Respectfully yours,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Auditing Department, January 13, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I am submitting herewith customary order for temporary loan in anticipation of taxes, and respectfully request same to be forwarded to the City Council, with recommendation for its adoption.

Respectfully yours,

RUPERT S. CARVEN, City Auditor.

Ordered, That to provide temporarily money to meet the appropriations for the financial year 1930, the City Treasurer issue and sell, at such times and in such amounts, as he may deem best, notes or certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston not exceeding twenty-four million dollars in the total, in anticipation of the taxes of the current municipal year; that all such notes or certificates of indebtedness be dated the day the money for the same is received, be made payable with the interest thereon within one year of their date from the taxes of the year 1930, and bear interest from their date until the same are made payable at such rate as the City Auditor, the City Treasurer and the Mayor may determine.

Coun. McGRATH.—Mr. President, I understand that that is to provide necessary money to care for current expenses until the budget has been made up, and I ask a suspension of the rules and the passage of the order.

President LYNCH.—The Chair would state that this order requires two separate readings, fourteen days apart.

Coun. McGRATH moved a suspension of the rule and the passage of the order.

The rule was suspended, and the order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 20, nays 0.

LAND, BATH STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, January 8, 1930.

To the Honorable City Council.

Gentlemen,—As pointed out in my inaugural message the municipality has its limitations in the matter of providing relief for unemployment and without the assistance of individuals and corporations, either engaged in business in the city or contemplating engaging in business in the city, little can be accomplished.

The really important work confronting the city government of Boston is to give that character of aid and encouragement that will not only inspire confidence but promote a desire on the part of enterprise to locate in Boston.

A tender has been submitted by a Boston enterprise for the purchase of an unused piece of realty comprising a portion of Bath street to enable them to erect immediately a structure with an estimated value of \$1,000,000 and to which later they propose an addition representing an equal expenditure. The conditions in the building trades at the present time justify a suspension of the rules by your honorable body that action may be expedited and that not only opportunities for the unemployed to secure work may be created, but that in addition taxable property may be erected which will continue permanently to add to the revenues of the City of Boston. I have assurances that if immediate action is taken the work will be begun within five days from the date of the signing of the order.

Under the circumstances I sincerely trust that your honorable body will vote to suspend the rules and adopt the accompanying order.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Whereas, It is proposed that Bath street in the City of Boston be discontinued;

Now, therefore, it is Ordered, That in the event of such discontinuance the Mayor of the said City of Boston be, and he hereby is, authorized to grant to the Water Street Company, a Massachusetts corporation, by an instrument in writing satisfactory to the Law Department of said City of Boston, all the right, title and interest which the said City of Boston may have at the time of or after said street is discontinued in and to the following parcels of land which make up said Bath street, namely, a certain parcel of land containing 929 square feet, shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Boston, Scale 8 feet to 1 inch, May 23, 1929, Aspinwall & Lincoln, Civil Engineers," filed in the land registration office June 19, 1929, numbered 13639A, and filed with certificate of title numbered 26757 in the Suffolk Registry District of the Land Court; a parcel of land containing one hundred thirty-four and 6-10 square feet, shown on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Land in Boston, Scale 8 feet to 1 inch, July 19, 1929, Aspinwall & Lincoln, Civil Engineers," filed in the land registration office August 23, 1929, numbered 13751A, and filed with certificate of title numbered 26758 in the Suffolk Registry District of the Land Court, upon the payment to the said City of Boston of thirty thousand dollars and upon the further consideration that the said Water Street Company shall, by an instrument in writing, satisfactory to the Law Department of the said City of Boston, agree to hold the said City of Boston harmless from all claims and demands for damages caused by or in any way growing out of said discontinuance, or growing out of this grant;

And it is further Ordered, That the Mayor of the City of Boston be, and he hereby is, authorized to execute and deliver the said instrument which shall be satisfactory in form to the Law Department of the City of Boston.

On motion of Coun. BUSH the rule was suspended and the order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 20, nays 0.

LOAN FOR SEWERAGE WORKS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, January 13, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—It is customary, in conformity with the provisions of chapter 426 of the Acts of

1897, as amended by chapter 204 of the Acts of 1908, to make an annual appropriation in the sum of \$1,000,000 for sewerage works.

It has long been recognized that this amount is wholly inadequate since both materials and wages have advanced more than three hundred per cent since the adoption of the 1908 Act.

Legislation is now sought to make available sufficient funds to properly meet the requirements in sewerage works and, pending action by the Legislature, I recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897, as amended by chapter 204 of the Acts of 1908, the sum of \$1,000,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated to be expended under direction of the Commissioner of Public Works for sewerage works, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

The order was referred to the Committee on Finance.

LOAN FOR COLUMBUS PARK IMPROVEMENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 13, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—With a view to the completion of one of Boston's major public improvements, and, in addition, to provide some relief for unemployment, I recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the sum of \$750,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated to be expended by the Board of Park Commissioners for Columbus Park, Improvements, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City to said amount.

On motion of Coun. DOWD, the rule was suspended, and the order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 20, nays 0.

ESTABLISHMENT OF BRANCH LIBRARIES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 13, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—In the opinion of the trustees of the Boston Public Library a more effective method of distribution should be created.

In my opinion the establishment of two branch libraries each year for a period of twenty years will solve the distribution problem without seriously burdening any generation, and I accordingly recommend the initial step in this program by the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the sum of \$200,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated to be expended by the Trustees of the Boston Public Library for Branch Libraries, Establishment of, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

MUNICIPAL PRINTING DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 13, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—The Municipal Printing Department since its creation has occupied leased premises

in various sections of the city and in every case, prior to the expiration of the leases, which have usually been of short duration, have been required to pay increased rentals or compelled to move at a considerable expense to the city because of the character of equipment.

With a view to alleviating this situation the Superintendent of Printing was requested by me some years ago to permit departmental earnings to accumulate with a view to the creation of a sufficient fund at some time to purchase a site and erect a building for use of the Printing Department and such other municipal departments as it might be deemed advisable to provide quarters for therein.

As a consequence of this policy the Printing Department at the present time has in its possession slightly in excess of \$300,000, a sum sufficiently ample to provide for the purchase of site and the erection of necessary structure, and I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the sum of \$300,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated to be expended by the Superintendent of Printing for Printing Department, Building, said appropriation to be met from the revenue of the Printing Department.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

PAY ROLL OF REGISTRY OF DEEDS.

The pay roll of Registry of Deeds, amounting to \$4,765.37, for regular employees, January 1 to 15, inclusive, was received and approved.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and severally referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Bailey's, for refund on unused refuse tickets.
Albert A. Bennett, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Southern Artery.

Stanley J. Borison, for compensation for damage to car by city car.

James J. Boyle, for compensation for damage to car by city car.

Mrs. Mary A. Callahan, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Humphreys street.

Mrs. Charles Calnan, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in H street.

Cobb's Markets, Inc., for compensation for damage to property at 1630 Tremont street, caused by break in water main.

Michael J. Davin, for compensation for damage to property at 30 Kempton street, caused by break in water main.

John J. Doherty, for compensation for damage to property and injuries caused by an alleged defect at 108 Heath street, Roxbury.

Dorchester Savings Bank, for compensation for damage to property at 572 Columbia road, caused by overflow of sewage.

W. M. Dundon, to be reimbursed for judgment against him on account of his acts as a fireman.

Edward J. Farrell, for compensation for damage to truck by city truck.

Edward P. Faunce, for compensation for damage to property at 7 and 9 Elm street, caused by water leak.

Leo T. Finley, for compensation for damage to property at 727 Huntington avenue, caused by break in water main.

Augustus S. Ford, for refund on unused refuse tickets.

Joseph E. Ford, for compensation for damage to property at 36 Kempton street, caused by break in water main.

Gertrude M. Galvon, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Temple place and Washington street.

Mary A. Glynn, for compensation for injuries caused by city truck.

Mrs. M. B. Gould, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Tremont street.

Arthur M. Greene, for compensation for building retaining wall at 54 Olney street.

Michael J. Griffin, for compensation for damage to clothing caused by an alleged defect at P and Fourth streets.

Dennis F. Herlihy, for compensation for damage to car by city car.

Estelle L. Hobart, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Rockview street.

Anna Isgur, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 225 Norfolk street.

Louis Kaplan, for compensation for damage to property at 724-732 Huntington avenue, caused by broken water main.

Bridget Kearney, for compensation for damage to property at 34 Kempton street, caused by break in water main.

Thomas J. Kennealey, for compensation for damage to property at 36 Kempton street, caused by break in water main.

George J. Knapp, for compensation for loss of horse bitten by dog.

Paul LaJoie, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Old Colony avenue.

A. P. Lambert, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Lorraine Magerer, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Carmen street.

Mary A. May, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in I street.

Mrs. Annie Mullen, for compensation for damage to property at 5 Fayette street, caused by water meter department.

Frank J. O'Brien, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Dover street.

Stanley Oldziejewski, for compensation for damage to property at 40 Kempton street, caused by break in water main.

Michael J. O'Rourke, for compensation for damage to property at 773 Huntington avenue, caused by break in water main.

J. Puccia & Co., for compensation for damage to truck caused by an alleged defect in Chelsea street.

William T. Olson, for compensation for damage to car by city wagon.

Mary E. Riley, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Charlestown Bridge.

Charles T. Robertson, for compensation for damage to car commandeered by police officer.

Alfred E. Rose, for compensation for injuries caused by city car.

John Smyth, for compensation for damage to property at 28 Kempton street, caused by break in water main.

Sterling Farms Milk Company, for compensation for loss of horse bitten by dog.

Alice G. Stewart, for damage to property when new street was put in.

Annie Thomas, for compensation for damage to property caused by an alleged defect at 614 Shawmut avenue.

George Thomson, Jr., for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Oakland street.

Andreas Tomfohrde, estate, for compensation for damage to property at 27 Kempton street, caused by bursting of water main.

Lillian Toole, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Avon street.

John W. White, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at 24 Dwight street.

Committee on Jitney Licenses.

Petition of Boston Elevated Railway for license to operate motor vehicles between Maverick square and Boston Airport, East Boston, over Maverick square, Maverick street, Orleans street, Webster or Sumner streets, Jeffries street, Maverick street.

STORAGE AND SALE OF GASOLENE.

Notice was received from the Board of Street Commissioners of hearings to be held on January 27, on petitions for storage and sale of gasoline, viz.:

Paul J. Oswald, 512 Centre street, Ward 19, 4,000 gallons.

John P. Riley *et al*, 430 Neponset avenue, Ward 16, 4,000 gallons.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The constable's bond of James S. Kiernan, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, was received and approved.

NOTICE OF ASSESSED VALUATIONS.

Notice was received from the Board of Assessors of the assessed valuation for preceding three years and abatements allowed thereon previous to December 31, 1929, also the average of such valuations, reduced by said abatements, viz.:

Year.	Valuations.	Abatements.
1927.....	\$1,934,818,900	\$22,011,800
1928.....	1,950,186,600	14,892,500
1929.....	*2,007,194,500	†9,156,560
Totals.....	\$5,892,200,000	\$46,060,860

Less abatements 46,060,860

\$5,846,139,140

Average valuations
for three years,
less abatements... \$1,948,713,046

*Includes valuation of motor vehicles as provided chapter 379, section 2, Acts of 1928 (chapter 60-A).

†Includes abatements of motor vehicles under same statute.

Placed on file.

TRACK LOCATION FOR STANDARD STORAGE COMPANY.

Notice was received from the Board of Street Commissioners of permission granted Standard Storage Company for track upon and across Holton street, Brighton.

Placed on file.

NOTICE OF HEARINGS BEFORE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Works, State House, of hearings on January 15, at 2 p. m., on the following petitions:

New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, for license to lay and maintain a submarine cable in and across Mystic river at Chelsea Bridge South.

New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, for license to lay and maintain a submarine cable in and across Charles river at Warren Bridge.

Boston Ice Company, for license to build and maintain a trestle and pump house and fill solid in Chelsea Creek, at their property at East Boston. Severally placed on file.

REORGANIZATION OF BOARD OF APPEAL.

Notice was received of reorganization of Board of Appeal, Walter S. Gerry having resigned as chairman of the Board on December 20 and James H. Fitzpatrick having been elected as chairman. Placed on file.

RESIGNATION OF LILLIAN C. SLATTERY.

Notice was received from the Mayor of acceptance of resignation of Lillian Cutten Slattery as member of Planning Board.

Placed on file.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF ASSAD MUDARRI.

Notice was received of approval by Commissioners of Civil Service of appointment of Assad Mudarri, 72 Adamson street, Brighton, as Overseer of Public Welfare.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Notices were received of the following appointments by the Mayor, viz.:

Samuel Silverman, Corporation Counsel.
Joseph A. Rourke, Commissioner of Public Works.
Eugene C. Hultman, Building Commissioner.
Edward F. McLaughlin, Fire Commissioner.
Peter F. Tague, Principal Assessor.
Thomas J. Hurley, Street Commissioner.
Joseph A. Conry, Traffic Commissioner.
John J. Lydon, Soldiers' Relief Commissioner.
James E. Maguire, Institutions Commissioner.
Mrs. Colin W. MacDonald, Election Commissioner.
Frederic J. Crosby, Sinking Funds Commissioner.
Edmund L. Dolan, Sinking Funds Commissioner.
Samuel Kalesky, Sinking Funds Commissioner.
William Spottiswoode, Sinking Funds Commissioner.
Placed on file.

RULES OF CITY COUNCIL.

Coun. DONOVAN, for the Committee on Rules, reported a draft of the rules for the government of the City Council for 1930-31, being the same rules as were in force during the term of the previous City Council, recommending its adoption, viz.:

Rule 1. Unless otherwise ordered from time to time the regular meeting of the City Council shall be held on every Monday at two o'clock p. m. Special meetings may be called by the President at his discretion, and by the City Clerk for the purpose only of drawing jurors.

President.

Rule 2. The President of the Council shall take the chair at the hour to which the Council shall have adjourned and shall call the members to order, and a quorum being present, shall proceed with the regular order of business. In the absence of the President the senior member by age present shall preside as temporary president or until a presiding officer is chosen.

Rule 3. The President shall preserve decorum and order, may speak to points of order in preference to other members and shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal. Any member may appeal from the decision of the Chair, and, when properly seconded, no other business, except a motion to adjourn or to lay on the table, shall be in order until the question on appeal has been decided. The question shall be put as follows:

"Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the Council?" The vote shall be by a roll call, and it shall be decided in the affirmative unless a majority of the votes are to the contrary.

Rule 4. The President shall propound all motions in the order in which they are moved, unless the subsequent motion shall be previous in its nature, except that, in naming sums and fixing times, the largest sum and the longest time shall be put first.

Rule 5. The President shall, at the request of any member, make a division of a question when the sense will admit of it.

Rule 6. The President shall, without debate, decide all questions relating to priority of business to be acted upon.

Rule 7. The President shall declare all votes; but if any member doubts a vote, the President shall cause a rising vote to be taken, and, when any member so requests, shall cause the vote to be taken or verified by yeas and nays.

Rule 8. The President shall appoint all committees, fill all vacancies therein, and designate the rank of the members thereof.

Rule 9. When the President of the Council or the president *pro tempore* shall desire to vacate the chair he may call any member to it; but such substitution shall not continue beyond an adjournment.

Motions.

Rule 10. Every motion shall be reduced to writing if the President shall so direct.

Rule 11. A motion to strike out and insert shall be deemed indivisible; but a motion to strike out being lost shall not preclude amendment, or a motion to strike out and insert.

Rule 12. No motion or proposition of a subject different from that under consideration shall be admitted under color of amendment.

Rule 13. When an order or resolution relates to a subject which may properly be examined and reported upon by an existing committee of the City Council, such order or resolution shall, upon presentation, be referred to such committee. When a motion is made to refer any subject, and different committees are proposed, the motions shall be put in the following order:

1. To a standing committee of the Council.
2. To a special committee of the Council.

Any member offering a motion, order or resolution, which is referred to a committee, shall be given a hearing on the same by the committee before a report is made thereon, provided he so requests at the time of offering the order or before final action by the committee.

Any matter referred to a committee may be recalled by a majority vote of all the members of the Council, if such matter is not reported upon within one month from the date of reference.

Rule 14. After a motion has been put by the President it shall not be withdrawn except by unanimous consent.

Rule 15. When a question is under debate the following motions only shall be entertained, and shall have precedence in the order in which they stand arranged:

1. To adjourn.
2. To lay on the table.
3. The previous question.
4. To close debate at a specified time.
5. To postpone to a day certain.
6. To commit.
7. To amend.
8. To postpone indefinitely.

Rule 16. A motion to adjourn shall be in order at any time, except on an immediate repetition or pending a verification of a vote; and that motion, the motion to lay on the table, the motion to take from the table, and the motion for the previous question, shall be decided without debate.

Readings.

Rule 17. Every ordinance, order and resolution shall, unless rejected, have two several readings, both of which may take place at the same session unless objection is made, provided, however, that all orders for the expenditure of moneys, unless reported upon by a committee of the Council, shall lie over for one week before final action thereon. Whenever the second reading immediately follows the first reading, the document may be read by its title only; provided, that all orders releasing rights or easements in or restrictions on land, all orders for the sale of land other than school lands, all appropriations for the purchase of land other than for school purposes, and all loans voted by the City Council shall require a vote of two thirds of all the members of the City Council, and shall be passed only after two separate readings and by two separate votes, the second of said readings and votes to be had not less than fourteen days after the first.

Reconsideration.

Rule 18. When a vote has been passed any member may move a reconsideration thereof at the same meeting. No member shall speak for more than ten minutes on a motion to reconsider.

Rule 19. When a motion to reconsider has been decided, that decision shall not be reconsidered, and no question shall be twice reconsidered unless it has been amended after the reconsideration; nor shall any reconsideration be had upon the following motions:

- To adjourn.
- The previous question.
- To lay on the table.
- Take from the table.
- To close debate at a specified time.

A motion to reconsider may be laid on the table or postponed indefinitely, and the effect of such action in either case shall be to defeat the motion to reconsider.

Conduct of Members.

Rule 20. Every member when about to speak shall rise, address the Chair, and wait until he is recognized, and, in speaking, shall refrain from mentioning any other member by name, shall confine himself to the question and avoid personalities. Any member who, in debate or otherwise, indulges in personalities or makes charges reflecting upon the character of another member, shall make an

apology in open session at the meeting at which the offence is committed or at the next succeeding regular meeting, and, failing to do so, shall be named by the President or held in contempt and suspended from further participation in debate until said apology is made.

Rule 21. No member shall speak more than once on a question when another member who has not spoken claims the floor, and no member speaking shall, without his consent, be interrupted by another, except upon a point of order.

Rule 22. No member shall be permitted to vote on any question, or to serve on any committee, where his private right is immediately concerned, distinct from the public interest.

Rule 23. Every member who shall be present when a question is put, unless he is excluded by interest, shall give his vote, unless the Council for special reason shall excuse him. Application to be so excused on any question must be made before the Council is divided, or before the calling of the yeas and nays; and such application shall be accompanied by a brief statement of the reasons, and shall be decided without debate.

Standing Committees.

Rule 24. The following standing committees of the Council, and all other committees, unless specially directed by the Council, shall be appointed by the President:

1. A committee, to be known as the Executive Committee, to consist of all the members of the Council.
2. A Committee on Appropriations, to consist of seven members of the Council, to whom shall be referred such appropriation orders as may be submitted to the Council from time to time.
3. A Committee on Claims, to consist of five members of the Council, to whom shall be referred all claims against the city arising from the act or neglect of any of its departments. They shall report annually an account of the claims awarded or approved by them, and the amount of money awarded or paid in settlements thereof.
4. A Committee on County Accounts, to consist of five members of the Council.
5. A Committee on Finance, to consist of seven members of the Council, to whom shall be referred all applications for expenditure which involve a loan.
6. A Committee on Inspection of Prisons, to consist of five members of the Council.
7. A Committee on Jitney Licenses, to consist of five members of the Council.
8. A Committee on Legislative Matters, to consist of five members of the Council, who shall, unless otherwise ordered, appear before the committees of the General Court and represent the interest of the city; provided, said committee shall not appear unless authorized by vote of the City Council, and shall not, unless directed so to do by the City Council, oppose any legislation petitioned for by the preceding City Council.
9. A Committee on Ordinances, to consist of seven members of the Council, to whom shall be referred all ordinances or orders concerning ordinances.
10. A Committee on Parkman Fund, to consist of five members of the Council, to whom shall be referred all matters concerning the Parkman property, or the expenditure of the income from the Parkman Fund.
11. A Committee on Printing, to consist of five members of the Council, who shall have the charge of all printing, advertising or publishing ordered by the City Council as one of its contingent or incidental expenses, and the supply of all stationery or binding for the same purpose. The committee shall fix the number of copies to be printed of any document printed as above, the minimum, however, to be four hundred; and they shall have the right to make rules and regulations for the care, custody and distribution of all documents, books, pamphlets and maps by the City Messenger.
12. A Committee on Public Lands, to consist of five members of the Council, to whom shall be referred all matters relating to public lands.
13. A Committee on Rules, to consist of five members of the Council, to consider all matters concerning the rules, and to whom shall be referred all resolutions expressing opinions, principles, facts or purposes.
14. A Committee on Soldiers' Relief, to consist of five members of the Council, who shall determine the amount of aid to be allowed to

soldiers and sailors and their families and submit a schedule of the same to the City Council monthly.

Order of Business.

Rule 25. At every regular meeting of the Council the order of business shall be as follows:

1. Communications from his Honor the Mayor.
2. Presentation of petitions, memorials and remonstrances.
3. Reports of city officers, etc.
4. Unfinished business of preceding meetings.
5. Reports of committees.
6. Motions, orders and resolutions.

Spectators.

Rule 26. No person, except a member of the Council, shall be permitted to occupy the seat of any member while the Council is in session.

Rule 27. No person, excepting heads of departments, officials connected with the City Council, and reporters, shall be allowed in the ante-rooms or upon the floor of the Council Chamber while the Council is in session. Spectators will be allowed in the gallery of the Council Chamber when the Council is in session, and no one will be admitted to said gallery after the seats are occupied. The City Messenger shall enforce this rule.

Burial Grounds.

Rule 28. No permission for the use of land for the purpose of burial shall be granted until a public hearing shall have been given by the Executive Committee of the City Council on the application for such permission, after due notice has been served upon abutters.

Smoking in the Council Chamber.

Rule 29. No smoking shall be allowed in the Council Chamber when the Council is in session.

Committee Meetings.

Rule 30. No meeting of any committee shall, without the consent of all the members thereof, be called upon less notice than twenty-four hours from the time the clerk shall have mailed the notices or dispatched them by special messenger, provided, however, that meetings of the Executive Committee may be held in the recess period of any meeting of the Council without such consent or notice. No committee, unless authorized by an order of the City Council, shall incur any expense. No committee meetings shall be called later than one hour immediately preceding the time set for any regular meeting of the City Council, nor shall any committee remain in session later than the hour named for any such regular meeting.

Form of Votes.

Rule 31. In all votes the form of expression shall be "Ordered" for everything by way of command, and the form shall be "Resolved" for everything expressing opinions, principles, facts or purposes.

Transfers.

Rule 32. Every application for an appropriation to be provided for by transfer shall be referred to the Executive Committee, unless otherwise ordered, and no such appropriation shall be made until the said committee has reported thereon.

Use of Committee Rooms.

Rule 33. No person except members of the City Council and regularly assigned city hall reporters shall be admitted at any time to committee room 48A, the locker room, or the President's room, except when invited on official business, or when present by invitation of and accompanied by a member of the City Council.

Amendment and Suspension.

Rule 34. The foregoing rules shall not be altered, amended, suspended or repealed at any time, except by the votes of two-thirds of the members of the City Council present and voting thereon.

Report accepted; rules adopted.

REMOVAL OF CAR TRACKS ON GREEN STREET.

Coun. FITZGERALD offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor,

to remove the car tracks on Green street, Ward 3, and to repave said street with granite block pavement.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

President LYNCH at this point announced the following committee appointments:

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Executive.

Coun. Mahoney.

Appropriations.

Coun. Wilson, Ruby, Fitzgerald, Green, Donovan, McGrath, Bush.

Claims.

Coun. Bush, Kelly, Murray, Fish, Cox.

County Accounts.

Coun. Fitzgerald, Wilson, Arnold, Green, Englert.

Finance.

Coun. Donovan, Bush, Dowd, Murray, Gleason, Green, Englert.

Inspection of Prisons.

Coun. Ruby, Mahoney, Fish, Kelly, McGrath.

Jitneys.

Coun. Murray, Gleason, Power, Englert, Gallagher.

Legislative Matters.

Coun. Gleason, Curtis, Hein, Arnold, Gallagher.

Ordinances.

Coun. Green, Englert, Ruby, Norton, Hein, Cox, Curtis.

Parkman Fund.

Coun. Curtis, Gallagher, Arnold, Kelly, Ruby.

Printing.

Coun. Power, Hein, Curtis, Norton, Donovan.

Public Lands.

Coun. McGrath, Wilson, Mahoney, Fitzgerald, Dowd.

Rules.

Coun. Donovan, Mahoney, Wilson, McGrath, Ruby.

Soldiers' Relief.

Coun. Mahoney, Kelly, Bush, Power, Fish.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Parks and Playgrounds.

Coun. Dowd, Fish, Gallagher, Bush, Power.

Public Safety.

Coun. Gleason, Norton, Murray, Ruby, Hein, Cox, Kelly.

Unclaimed Baggage.

Coun. Englert, Cox, Norton.

Hospitals.

Coun. Arnold, Dowd, Wilson, Mahoney, Fitzgerald.

MUNICIPAL REGISTER FOR CURRENT YEAR.

Coun. BUSH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Statistics Department be authorized, under the direction of the Committee on Rules, to prepare and have printed the "Municipal Register" for the current year, including therein a map of the city with ward lines, and that the Clerk of Committees be authorized to prepare and have printed a pocket edition of the organization of the city government, the expense of said register and organization to be charged to the appropriation for City Documents.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PROPOSED WIDENING OF BLUE HILL AVENUE.

Coun. RUBY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to widen Blue Hill avenue, from Seaver street to Canterbury street, Ward 14.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

BRANCH LIBRARY NEAR FRANKLIN FIELD.

Coun. RUBY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Library Trustees be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to establish a branch in the vicinity of Franklin Field, Ward 14.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING, WARD 14.

Coun. RUBY offered the following:

Ordered, That the sum of four hundred thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated to be expended under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Buildings for a municipal building in the vicinity of Franklin Field, Ward 14, and that to meet such expense the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

LEGISLATION IN RE SUFFOLK COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Legislative Committee of the City Council appear before the proper committee of the Massachusetts Legislature to protest against that portion of the act providing for increased facilities for the Suffolk County Court which takes the approval of said act from the City Council.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RESURFACING OF BUNKER HILL STREET.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That the sum of one hundred fifty thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works for the resurfacing of Bunker Hill street, Ward 2, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

SERVICES OF REAL ESTATE EXPERT.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to include in the budget for 1930 the sum of five thousand dollars for the services of a real estate expert to advise the Boston City Council.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ERECTION OF POSTOFFICE.

Coun. McGRATH offered the following:

Whereas, The Congress has appropriated sufficient money for the erection of the postoffice at Boston; and

Whereas, The present site, in the opinion of Federal authorities meets every reasonable requirement; and

Whereas, The unemployment situation is most acute at the present time and there is but slight indication of immediate improvement; be it, and it is hereby,

Resolved, That in the opinion of the City Council, further delay is unwise and immediate action is desirable. Be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be

forwarded to the representatives in both branches of Congress, to the Postmaster-General and to the Boston Postmaster.

The preambles and resolve were passed under suspension of the rule.

REINSTATEMENT OF JAMES J. TANSEY.

Coun. GLEASON offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council favors the enactment of legislation providing for the reinstatement in the School Department as custodian of James J. Tansey.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SALARIES OF POLICEMEN AND FIREMEN.

Coun. DOWD offered the following:

Ordered, That the Budget Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to consider the advisability of increasing the salaries of the policemen and firemen in the service of the City of Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REMOVAL OF CITY LAUNDRY.

Coun. DOWD offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to remove the laundry from its present location on Dover street to some other suitable quarters.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

QUARTERS FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYMENT BUREAU.

Coun. DOWD offered the following:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to assign suitable quarters near City Hall for the use of the Municipal Employment Bureau, now located at Haymarket square.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

The Council voted, at 3.01 p. m., on motion of Coun. MAHONEY, to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

The members reassembled in the Council Chamber at 3.18 p. m. and were called to order by President LYNCH.

VEHICLES USING EAST BOSTON FERRY.

Coun. DONOVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Commissioner of Public Works to keep a record of the number of vehicles using the East Boston Ferry since the increase in tolls and the amount of revenue received, for the purpose of making a comparison for the corresponding months under the old toll rates.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF GRANFIELD AVENUE.

Coun. MURRAY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Granfield avenue, Ward 19, as a public highway.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF GARDEN STREET.

Coun. MURRAY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Garden street, Ward 19, as a public highway.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

BRANCH LIBRARY AT FOREST HILLS.

Coun. MURRAY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Trustees of the Boston Public Library be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to establish a branch library at Forest Hills, Ward 19.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PROPOSED SUSPENSION OF CIVIL SERVICE RULES.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston favors the suspension of the Civil Service rules in the present emergency of unemployment so that the authorities of the state, cities and towns, may employ laborers, workmen and mechanics on public works without making appointments from the labor service lists.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PROPOSED REINSTATEMENT OF MICHAEL N. O'MEARA.

Coun. DOWD offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council favors the enactment of legislation providing for the reinstatement of Michael N. O'Meara as a member of the Boston Fire Department.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

TERCENTENARY CELEBRATION.

Coun. HEIN offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to include in the budget for 1930 the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars for the proper celebration and observance by the City of Boston of the three hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Massachusetts Bay Colony in New England.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

Adjourned, at 3.21 p. m., on motion of Coun. CURTIS, to meet on Monday, January 20, at 2 p. m.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, January 20, 1930.

Regular meeting of the City Council in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President LYNCH in the chair. Absent, Coun. Dowd.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted appointments for the term ending April 30, 1930, viz.:

Constables: Samuel Gordon, 236 Chambers street, Boston; Marx Goldfarb, 27 Allen street, Boston; Simon Hirshon, 96 Linden street, Boston; Michael J. Fields, 94 G street, South Boston. Severally laid over a week, under the law.

LAUNDRY, DOVER STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 20, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith submit to you report of Park Department in compliance with your order of January 13, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, January 16, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I have your memorandum of January 15 inclosing order from the City Council: That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to remove the laundry from its present location on Dover street to some other suitable quarters.

This matter is being studied at the present time in conjunction with the building of the new bath house at L street.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG,
Chairman.

Placed on file.

QUARTERS FOR EMPLOYMENT BUREAU.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 20, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith submit to you report of Public Buildings Department in compliance with your order of January 13, 1930.

Very truly yours,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Buildings Department,
January 16, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—Replying to the inclosed order of the City Council that the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to assign suitable quarters near City Hall for the use of the Municipal Employment Bureau, now located at Haymarket square, I respectfully report that there is a fire house located on Church street which was recently turned over to this department and which, I think, could be used for this purpose by the expenditure of possibly \$2,000. I have talked this matter over with Mr. Shields and he seems favorably impressed with the location inasmuch as it is in a centrally located district where much activity prevails. By the utilization of this property the annual rental of \$2,400 which we now pay for the Haymarket square property could be saved, which is quite in keeping with your Honor's suggestion.

I might also add that I have received a communication from John C. Kiley offering stores on the Court square side of the Kimball Building for the purpose of housing the Employment Bureau at a rental of \$2,000 per year. Personally I do not believe this to be a good location, it being too close to City Hall and not located in the business section where work would be more liable to be available.

However, I await your pleasure in the premises.

Respectfully yours,
JOHN P. ENGLETT,
Superintendent of Public Buildings.
Placed on file.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UNIFORMS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 20, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith submit to you report of Fire Department in compliance with your order of January 6, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Fire Department, January 14, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I am in receipt of the following order passed by the City Council on January 6, 1930, and approved by your Honor on January 8, 1930: "Ordered, That the Commissioners of the Fire and Police Departments be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to see that all future contracts for the manufacture of uniforms for the members of their respective departments be awarded to firms having a place of manufacture in Boston, and preferably to citizens of Boston."

In reply thereto I would say that for the past few years the contract for manufacturing the uniforms of members of the Boston Fire Department has been awarded to firms having a place of manufacture in Boston and to citizens of the city.

Yours very truly,
E. C. HULTMAN,
Fire Commissioner.

Placed on file.

STANDING IN JITNEY BUSES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 20, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of a communication from the General Manager of the Boston Elevated Railway Public Trustees and believing that the position taken by him upon the matter is worthy of consideration I beg to submit to your honorable body, for such action as you may deem proper, an amendment to the ordinances of the City of Boston so that the same may conform with the rules and regulations adopted by the Department of Public Utilities as at present in force in the neighboring cities and towns served by the Boston Elevated Railway System.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Boston Elevated Railway,
Boston, January 9, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—In the effort to meet the practical situation with regard to running satisfactory bus service we are confronted with short periods of time where fluctuations in movement of passengers for short distances indicate that it would be in the interest of the car riders themselves to have the privilege, up to a reasonable limit, of boarding buses in excess of the seating capacity, which limit is now set by ordinance at the seating capacity.

The Department of Public Utilities in the rules and regulations which they have laid down recognize and provide for standing passengers up to twenty-five per cent of the seating capacity, as follows:

"Standees and Seats. Passengers in excess of 25 per cent above the seating capacity of the motor vehicle shall not habitually be carried. Where the number of passengers regularly apply-

ing for transportation exceeds that above provided for, it shall be the duty of the licensee to furnish additional facilities to carry such passengers. In no event shall standing passengers be carried for a distance in excess of 15 miles."

The ordinances in the towns of Arlington, Belmont, Brookline, Medford, Malden, Somerville, Watertown now provide for standing passengers to meet the very conditions to which I am calling attention.

The more modern type of buses which are now being manufactured lend themselves to this situation also in a very much more noticeable degree.

It is manifestly impossible for car riders to carry the expense involved of additional operators, buses, etc., to take care of such brief periods of overload. The inconvenience now caused such passengers of waiting for following buses can be obviated if the city would modify the ordinance to coincide with the regulations now in effect of the Department of Public Utilities.

There are short peaks in the movement of traffic as well as emergencies where it would seem as if such action would be in the interest of those who ride.

I am calling this to your attention with the hope that we may have this cooperation extended to us in Boston, as is done in the other cities and towns.

Yours very truly,

EDWARD DANA,
General Manager.

An Ordinance Concerning Passengers on Jitneys.
Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Chapter thirty-nine of the Revised Ordinances of 1925 is hereby amended by striking out section one hundred and one, and inserting in place thereof the following:

Section 101. The license issued for each motor vehicle shall fix and specify its seating capacity, exclusive of the operator. Passengers in excess of twenty-five per cent above the seating capacity of such motor vehicle shall not habitually be carried. Whenever the number of passengers regularly applying for transportation exceeds the number hereinbefore provided for it shall be the duty of the licensee to furnish sufficient additional facilities to carry such passengers. No person operating or in charge of any such vehicle shall take on or suffer or permit more persons to ride or to be carried thereon at any one time than is authorized by this section, or permit any person to stand or sit upon any running board, steps, fender, dash or hood thereof, or permit any person to ride on such motor vehicle outside the body thereof; provided, however, that in addition to the number of passengers which said motor vehicle by the terms of this section is permitted to carry, children under seven years of age may be carried therein, in arms, or seated on the laps of adult persons accompanying them, but no passenger with a child in arms or seated on the lap shall be permitted on any front seat of the vehicle.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

WORK AT NAVY YARD.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 14, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I beg to forward herewith reply received from the Navy Department at Washington in response to resolution adopted by your honorable body and forwarded by the Mayor's office, as directed.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Navy Department,
Assistant Secretary's Office,
Washington, January 11, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

My dear Mr. Mayor,—Your letter to the President has been referred to the Navy Department for a reply.

The department regrets that a statement appeared in a local newspaper during the past week to the effect that the Boston Navy Yard is to be closed down within a few days, because no work had been assigned there, whereas the facts are that

the work load of the Boston Navy Yard has been determined for the next year and the yard has been instructed relative to the said work load.

A report from the commandant of the Boston Navy Yard states that it is very probable that additional men to the number of about eighty will be taken on in February rather than having a discharge in the near future.

As the work load, which includes the general overhaul of vessels, has been assigned to the various yards for the next year, it is impracticable to divert the work from one yard to another without upsetting the conditions at practically all yards.

I am pleased to inform you that the yard will not be closed down and that the department does not contemplate the discharge of several hundred mechanics and skilled laborers from the Boston Navy Yard.

Very sincerely yours,

ERNEST LEE JAHNCKE.

Placed on file.

RESOLUTIONS APPROVING LEGISLATION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 16, 1930.
To the Honorable City Council:

Gentlemen,—The joint rules of the Legislature provide that petitions for legislation to authorize a city to borrow money outside the debt limit will not be considered unless approved by the Mayor and City Council. I accordingly submit for your consideration and recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolutions approving legislation I have sought for the following purposes:

Widening and Construction of Dorchester Avenue.

Widening and Construction of Summer and L Streets.

Construction of Permanent Street Pavement.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Resolved, That the City Council of the City of Boston favors the enactment of legislation authorizing the appropriation of a sum not exceeding ten million dollars for the purpose of the construction of permanent street pavement on now existing highways in the City of Boston, as set forth in a bill, accompanying a petition of the Mayor of the City of Boston, or like legislation to accomplish the same ends, and favors the borrowing of money outside the legal limit of indebtedness to accomplish said purpose like or as set forth in said bill.

Resolved, That the City Council of the City of Boston favors the enactment of legislation authorizing the widening and construction of Dorchester Avenue from a point in the vicinity of the Fort Point Channel Bridge to Old Colony Avenue, as set forth in a bill, accompanying a petition of the Mayor of the City of Boston, or like legislation to accomplish the same ends, and favors the borrowing of money outside the legal limit of indebtedness to accomplish said purpose like or as set forth in said bill.

Resolved, That the City Council of the City of Boston favors the enactment of legislation authorizing the widening and construction of Summer and L Streets from a point in the vicinity of the Army Base, so-called, to Broadway in the South Boston district, as set forth in a bill, accompanying a petition of the Mayor of the City of Boston, or like legislation to accomplish the same ends, and favors the borrowing of money outside the legal limit of indebtedness to accomplish said purpose like or as set forth in said bill.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

MARKING OF HISTORICAL SITES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 20, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—The Commission on Marking of Historical Sites, whose membership is representative of the historical and educational authorities of Boston, have agreed to serve the city once more, gratis.

I feel it needless for me to point out to the City Council the importance of marking in enduring

bronze historical sites intimately connected with scenes and events associated with the history of Boston. This year, 1930, being the tercentenary of the founding of the city will unquestionably cause Boston to be the mecca for millions of people representing every section of the United States.

Under the circumstances it is desirable that early action be taken upon the accompanying order, the adoption of which is hereby recommended.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Commission on the Marking of Historical Sites be, and hereby is, authorized to expend under the direction of the Mayor, a sum not to exceed twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) in the prosecution of their duties, said sum to be charged to the Reserve Fund when made.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

LOAN FOR SANATORIUM BUILDINGS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 20, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—The sum of \$1,400,000 was authorized in May, 1928, for the development of the Sanatorium Division of the Hospital Department, in keeping with the needs of the community.

To complete that program, and that the entire facilities may be available for public use, the sum of \$450,000 additional is necessary, and I accordingly recommend the adoption by your honorable body of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the sum of \$450,000 be, and the same hereby is, appropriated to be expended under the direction of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital, for Hospital Department, Sanatorium Division, New Buildings and Additions and Equipment and Furniture, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City to said amount.

Coun. ARNOLD—Mr. President, I was very much impressed with what the Mayor had to say about this particular project, and, having been honored at your hands with the chairmanship of the Hospital Committee, I wish, for one, to say that I am in entire accord with the Mayor's program. I believe, therefore, that the Council would do well to suspend the rule and act at the present time.

The rule was suspended and the order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 19, nays 0.

LOAN FOR MEDICAL PAVILION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 20, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—The medical pavilion of the Boston City Hospital, representing an expenditure approximating in excess of three quarters of a million dollars, is rapidly approaching completion.

It is absolutely essential, in the interests of the public, that the facilities of the medical pavilion be made available for public use at the earliest possible date.

Accordingly I recommend the adoption by your honorable body of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the sum of \$70,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated to be expended by the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital for New Medical Pavilion, Furnishing and Equipping, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City to said amount.

Coun. BUSH—Mr. President, while I am thoroughly in favor of speeding up these orders relating to hospitals by passage under suspension of

the rule, I would like to call the attention of the Council to the fact that this ought only to be done in cases of emergency, because it is establishing a precedent whereby the work is being taken away entirely from our committee, which, if this sort of thing were done right along, would not function at all. However, in view of the fact that it is highly important that the work of hospital construction proceed as rapidly as possible, I move suspension of the rule and passage of the order.

The rule was suspended and the order was passed, yeas 20, nays 0.

LOANS FOR CITY HOSPITAL BUILDINGS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 20, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—The City Hospital Trustees are desirous of completing the program adopted in 1922 and I believe that the work should be expedited, both as a means of providing necessary hospitalization facilities for the public and, in addition, relieving unemployment through a building construction program.

At a conference held this day with the City Hospital Trustees, the superintendent of the Boston City Hospital and the architects assigned to the drafting of plans, it was the unanimous opinion that four of the projects involving an expenditure of \$1,000,000 can be completed this year.

The projects in question are the Children's Pavilion, \$325,000; Laundry Building, \$175,000; Administration Building, \$420,000; remodeling and reconstructing Nurses' Home and Administration Building located in what is commonly known and called the South Department, \$80,000.

In conformity with the provisions of the statute providing for hospitalization facilities the municipality is required to provide one half of the required amount within the debt limit, and one half outside of the debt limit.

I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying orders.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 237 of the Acts of 1928 the sum of \$210,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated to be expended under the direction of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital for Administration Building, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City to said amount.

Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 237 of the Acts of 1928 the sum of \$162,000 be, and the same hereby is, appropriated to be expended under the direction of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital for Children's Pavilion, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City to said amount.

Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 237 of the Acts of 1928 the sum of \$87,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated to be expended under the direction of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital for Laundry Building, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City to said amount.

Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 237 of the Acts of 1928 the sum of \$40,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated to be expended under the direction of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital for South Department Buildings, Remodeling, et cetera, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Later in the session Coun. ARNOLD said:

Mr. President, just before recess the Council passed two orders of minor importance in connection with the building program of the Hospital Department. The Council, however, referred to the Committee on Finance a million dollar appropriation for the City Hospital, which included an

appropriation of \$325,000 for a children's pavilion, \$420,000 for administration building, \$80,000 for nurses' home and \$125,000 for a laundry building. I am now going to move, Mr. President, that the reference to the Committee on Finance be withdrawn, for the reason that I believe, and believe sincerely, that the demands upon the City Hospital are going to be much greater on account of the financial condition of the City of Boston at this particular time of depression and unemployment.

The Council voted to recall the order from the Committee on Finance, and the order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 20, nays 0.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

George N. Barrie, for compensation for damage to car by city car.

H. Blacklow, for compensation for damage to car by city wagon.

C. F. Colburn, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 120 Mt. Vernon street.

Alfredo Gidare, for compensation for injuries received on ferryboat.

Gertrude E. Gorey, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 43 Beaumont street.

Abraham Haskins, M. D., for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Tremont street.

Jacob Linsky, for compensation for damage to property caused by an alleged defect in Columbus avenue.

Calumet Shoe Company, for compensation for damage to property at 1636 Tremont street, caused by break in water main.

Thomas Kosses, for compensation for damage to property at 724 Huntington avenue, caused by break in water main.

Frank LaMalfa, for compensation for damage to property at 2 Wait street, caused by break in water main.

Committee on jitney Licenses.

Petition of Boston Elevated Railway to operate motor vehicles between junction of Northampton street and Washington street and Savin Hill Station, over Washington street, Massachusetts avenue, Edward Everett square, Columbia road, Dorchester avenue and Savin Hill avenue, returning via Savin Hill avenue, Dorchester avenue, Columbia road, Edward Everett square, Massachusetts avenue, Southampton street, Sheridan square and Northampton street.

Petition of Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Company to operate motor busses on River street, between Blue Hill avenue and bus exit of Mattapan Station of Boston Elevated Railway.

APPOINTMENT OF CITY REGISTRAR.

Notice was received of appointment by the Mayor of Mrs. Helen C. Galvin, 7 Strathcona road, Dorchester, to position of City Registrar. Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT OF SECOND ASSISTANT ASSESSORS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Assessing Department, January 16, 1930.
Wilfred J. Doyle, Esq.,
City Clerk.

Dear Sir,—This is to notify you that the Board of Assessors, at a meeting held January 15, 1930, voted to appoint the following-named second assistant assessors in this department, effective January 17, 1930:

John J. Toomey, 510 East Broadway, South Boston.

Stephen Mealy, 944 Parker street, Roxbury.

Edward Farrell, 12 Ambrose street, Roxbury.

Charles Corkery, 47 St. Botolph street, Boston.

Michael J. Field, 94 G street, South Boston.

Maurice Walsh, 88 Esmond street, Dorchester.

Thomas Hogan, 1 Grayson street, Dorchester.

Alice E. Lyons, 15 Centre avenue, Dorchester.
James Burke, 461 Massachusetts avenue, Boston.
Joseph Flynn, 11 Kent street, Roxbury.
Timothy J. Callahan, 726 Parker street, Roxbury.

Compensation will be upon basis of \$5 per diem. The above appointments were approved on January 16.

Respectfully,
BOARD OF ASSESSORS,
by EDWARD T. KELLY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

STORAGE AND SALE OF GASOLENE.

Notice was received from the Board of Street Commissioners of hearings on petitions for storage and sale of gasoline, to be heard February 3, viz.:

Max Carlip *et al.*, 456 Blue Hill avenue, Ward 14, 1,000 gallons.

East Coast Aircraft Corporation, 70 Airport road, Ward 1, 12,000 gallons.

Eugene N. Foss, 1380 Boylston street, Ward 21, service station and 3,000 gallons.

Golden Rule Bakery, 3190 Washington street, Ward 11, 1,000 gallons.

Massachusetts Motor Car Company, 700 Commonwealth avenue, Ward 21, 1,000 gallons.

James A. Meagher, 3204 Washington street, Ward 11, 2,000 gallons.

W. R. Scudder *et al.*, trustees, 131 and 133 Dartmouth street, Ward 4, 4,520 gallons.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

BORROWING CAPACITY OF CITY IN 1930.

A communication was received from the Board of Commissioners of Sinking Funds submitting a statement of the borrowing capacity of the city, the same being \$5,738,545.04.

Placed on file.

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

President LYNCH called up, under unfinished business, Nos. 1 and 2 on the calendar, viz.:

1. Action on appointment submitted by the Mayor January 13, 1930, of James McGovern, to be a Weigher of Coal.

2. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor January 13, 1930, of the following-named persons to be Constables: John J. Stanton, Samuel C. Koupchik, Gabriel Grappocci, Thomas J. Killian, John Anderson, William E. Elton, George Nelson, Frederick J. Lundy, Patrick J. Monahan, James V. Hartrey, Barney C. DeLuca, Joseph J. O'Mara.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Coun. Gallagher and Fitzgerald. Whole number of ballots 19, yeas 19, and the appointments were confirmed.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Coun. MAHONEY, for the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, submitted report recommending passage of order for payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the City of Boston for month of January, 1930.

Report accepted and order passed.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS REPORT.

Coun. McGRATH, for the Committee on Public Lands, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred September 30, 1929) recommending cancellation of lease from Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Airport Development Company and payment of damages in a sum not to exceed \$15,000—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the question came on the passage of the order.

Coun. ARNOLD—Mr. President, I feel, in order to act intelligently on a matter like this, that I should ask the chairman of the committee to tell the Council about it.

Coun. McGRATH—Mr. President, this is one of the orders that was left over when the last

Council went out of office, and I found it in our box when I came in. It relates to the airport in Ward 1. It seems that five or six years ago, when the state was in control of that property, they made a lease with a concern known as the Boston Airport Company that covered a period of at least ten years. Since that time the city has taken over the property and enlarged it to such an extent that the property with the lease on it is right in the center of the flying field. Therefore, at the request of Mr. Long of the Park Department, we held meetings at which representatives of the two Boston newspapers representing the airport were present and it came out that no federal appropriation will be made until such time as this matter has been cleared up. Because there was no opposition to it our committee saw no reason to take any other action than that which has been taken as presented here today. They feel that there should be a cancellation of the lease and that this should be taken over as city property.

Coun. DONOVAN—I might say further, in addition, that having the airdrome in the middle of the field prevents the landing of the flyers, and that this action proposed by the committee will possibly relieve the situation.

The order was passed, yeas 21, nays 0.

2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred December 23, 1929) for release of restrictions on land on Concord street—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the question came on the passage of the order.

Coun. MURRAY—Mr. President, I would like to have the chairman on the committee explain this.

Coun. McGRATH—Mr. President, this is the property now owned by the Home for Destitute Catholic Children upon Shawmut avenue, and at the corner of Stoughton street. At the time they bought the land from the City of Boston it was so restricted that it could not be sold for anything but charitable purposes. Because that section has long since outlived its usefulness, from the standpoint of new development, they now ask that the restrictions be removed and that they be allowed to sell their property, as any other institution would sell it, in the event that they can find a customer.

Coun. MURRAY—Mr. President, might I ask the chairman whether they have an upset price on it?

Coun. McGRATH—Mr. President, they are not going to sell immediately, as I understand from their attorney, Michael H. Coughlin, but in the event that they do ever sell, inasmuch as the land is owned privately, the question of an upset price is not up to the City Council.

The order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 21, nays 0.

LAND FOR WARD 17 PLAYGROUND.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the sum of four thousand dollars be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Park Commissioners for the purchase of land for playground purposes in the vicinity of Dunbar avenue, Ward 17, Dorchester, and for the construction of said playground, and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be, and he hereby is, authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston to said amount.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, with reference to this small loan order, I would simply state, for the benefit of the new members of the Council, that the Committee on Parks and Playgrounds when it last made a report, under the previous administration, recommended seven playgrounds, including one in Ward 17, for which they submitted a figure of \$21,000, based on assessed valuation of the three previous years. After a loan order for that amount had been passed by the Council and signed by the Mayor, it turned out that the value of that four or five acres was slightly increased by the latest figures, bringing the amount necessary up to \$25,000, approximately, instead of \$21,000. This particular project has received the approval of the Committee on Parks and Playgrounds and also of the City Council, and, in view of the fact that this is merely to correct a slight oversight because of change in the figures

on the basis of a three years' valuation, I ask a suspension of the rule and the passage of the order at this time.

The rule was suspended and the order was passed, yeas 20, nays 0.

APPROPRIATION FOR TERCENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF DORCHESTER DAY.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Director of Public Celebrations through his Honor the Mayor be, and he hereby is, respectfully requested in his budget for 1930 to provide an extra appropriation this year for the Tercentennial Celebration of Dorchester Day.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I introduce this order at this time owing to the fact that, as I have read in the newspapers recently, the present administration, incidental to the Tercentennial Celebration of the present year, proposes to double the appropriation for the various holidays in Boston—including, for example, Evacuation Day for two South Boston wards, the Bunker Hill Day for Charlestown, and various other holidays in different parts of the city. I realize that it was no doubt due to oversight, but I do wish to call the attention of the administration at the present time to the fact that Dorchester Day is one of the anniversaries for which an additional appropriation should be available, in view of the fact that Dorchester covers one fourth of the entire city and that it had a good deal to do with what occurred 300 years ago.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

RESURFACING WASHINGTON STREET, DORCHESTER.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works through his Honor the Mayor be, and he hereby is, respectfully requested to resurface Washington street, Dorchester, from Grove Hall to Fuller street during the year 1930.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RESURFACING KENWOOD STREET, DORCHESTER.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works through his Honor the Mayor be, and he hereby is, respectfully requested to resurface Kenwood street, Dorchester, during the year 1930.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

HEALTH UNIT IN DORCHESTER.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be, and he hereby is, respectfully requested to promptly consider the advisability of the erection of a health unit in the Dorchester District, such health unit to be conveniently and centrally located.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING, CENTRAL DORCHESTER DISTRICT.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be, and he hereby is, respectfully requested to consider in his budget for 1930 the erection of a municipal building in the central Dorchester district, preferably in conjunction with a health unit and in any event in conjunction with a local accident ward.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ST. GREGORY STREET, WARD 17.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out St. Gregory street, Ward 17, as a public highway.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ABBOTSFORD STREET, WARD 12.

Coun. BUSH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Abbotstford street, Ward 12.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

HOLLANDER STREET, WARD 12.

Coun. BUSH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Hollander street, Ward 12.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SCHUYLER STREET, WARD 12.

Coun. BUSH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Schuyler street, Ward 12.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ENLARGEMENT OF EAST BOSTON
COURTHOUSE.

Coun. DONOVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated to be expended under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Buildings for the enlargement of the East Boston Courthouse, and that to meet such expense the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HEARINGS ON GASOLENE PETITIONS,
ETC.

Coun. DONOVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to notify the City Council of all proposed hearings on permits for the storage and sale of gasoline, oil, and all other inflammable materials.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, my reason for filing that order at this time is to protect not alone my colleagues, but to protect in our several districts our constituents. In order to correct an erroneous impression that may prevail, let me say that on last Tuesday, when a hearing was had before the Street Commissioners at which nobody appeared, in the case of a petition of the Standard Oil Company in East Boston for the storage of oil, and so on, it was because nobody was notified or knew about it. Therefore, my reason for filing this order is that we may protect our constituents at other hearings.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

ANNUITY TO WIDOW OF FRANK H.
LASKEY.

Coun. DONOVAN offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston favors the enactment of legislation authorizing the City of Boston to pay an annuity to the widow of Frank H. Laskey, late member of the Fire Department.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PAYMENT TO WIDOW OF JAMES J. TROY.

Coun. DONOVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That an annuity of six hundred dollars be allowed and paid to the widow of James J. Troy, late member of the Boston Police Department, who died in the performance of his duty, such annuity to continue so long as said widow

remains unmarried and to be charged to the appropriation for Police Department, Pensions and Annuities.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

Coun. DONOVAN also offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council favors the enactment of legislation providing for the payment of a sum of money to the widow of James J. Troy, late member of the Boston Police Department, who lost his life in the performance of his duty.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

LIGHTING ON ST. BOTOLPH STREET.

Coun. ARNOLD offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works, through his Honor the Mayor, be requested to include in the 1930 budget a sum sufficient to provide for the completion of the installation of the boulevard lighting system on St. Botolph street, from Irvington street to Massachusetts avenue.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ALLEY BETWEEN HUNTINGTON AVENUE
AND ST. STEPHEN STREET.

Coun. ARNOLD offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept as a public alley the private alley between Huntington avenue and St. Stephen street, from Symphony Hall to Opera place.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

EMPLOYMENT OF CITIZENS ON
CONTRACT WORK.

Coun. MAHONEY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the heads of departments to strictly enforce the provisions of the ordinances requiring the employment of citizens on contract work with the city.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ACCEPTANCE OF WARD 11 STREETS.

Coun. ENGLERT offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept View South avenue, Ward 11, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept Orchard avenue, Ward 11, as a public highway.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPAVING OF MARCELLA STREET.

Coun. ENGLERT offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave Marcella street, Ward 11, with smooth paving.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

MOZART STREET, WARD 10.

Coun. POWER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Mozart street, Ward 10.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ACCEPTANCE OF SHEPHERD AVENUE,
WARD 10.

Coun. POWER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commis-

sioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Shepherd avenue, Ward 10, as a public highway.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PAYMENT TO HUSBAND OF RACHEL S. WATSON.

Coun. MAHONEY, for Coun. Dowd, offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston favors the enactment of legislation to enable the city to pay a sum of money to the husband of Rachel S. Watson, who died at the Boston City Hospital.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PAYMENT TO MOTHER OF DAVID McDONALD.

Coun. KELLY offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council favors the enactment of legislation providing for the payment of a sum of money to the mother of the late David McDonald, said David McDonald having been killed by an officer of the Boston Police Department.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ANNUITY TO WIDOW OF JOHN MONTAGUE.

Coun. KELLY offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council favors the enactment of legislation providing for the payment of an annuity to the widow of John Montague, late sergeant of the Boston Police Department.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

HYDE PARK AVENUE, WARD 18.

Coun. NORTON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to reconstruct Hyde Park avenue, Ward 18, from Neponset avenue to Metropolitan avenue, and from Cleary square to the Readville race track.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

WIDENING OF BEECH STREET.

Coun. NORTON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide for the widening of Beech street, from Washington street to Poplar street, Ward 18, to a uniform width of 40 feet.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

BRANCH LIBRARY, WARD 18.

Coun. NORTON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Trustees of the Boston Public Library be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to establish a branch library in Mt. Hope section, Ward 18.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ACCEPTANCE OF WARD 21 STREETS.

Coun. HEIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept as a public highway Corey road, from Washington street to Summit street, Ward 21.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept as a public highway Radcliffe road, three hundred feet in from Quint avenue, Ward 21.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor,

to lay out and accept as a public highway Elizabeth avenue, from Allston street to Commonwealth avenue, Ward 21.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

REPAVING OF WARD 21 STREETS.

Coun. HEIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Allston street, from Brighton avenue to Washington street, Ward 21.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Ashford street, from Linden street to Melvin street, Ward 21.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Gardner avenue, from Harvard avenue to Melvin street, Ward 21.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

STANLEY RINGER PLAYGROUND, WARD 21.

Coun. HEIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the sum of fifty thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commission for the enlarging of the Stanley Ringer Playground, Ward 21, by removing seventy-five feet of ledge on said playground, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Coun. HEIN—Mr. President, so far as this particular playground is concerned, the land is now owned by the city. Every councilor here is interested in playgrounds and in having them kept in proper condition. Out in Ward 21, to my knowledge, there isn't a playground fit for anyone to play in. On this playground there is a ledge, and when it rains the water runs off and collects, so that it makes a beautiful skating rink in the winter time and a swimming pool in the summer. I move a suspension of the rule and the passage of the order.

The rule was suspended, and the order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 19, nays 0.

RECONSTRUCTION OF WARD 22 STREETS.

Coun. GALLAGHER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to reconstruct Franklin street, Ward 22.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to reconstruct Western avenue, Ward 22.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to reconstruct Haskell street, Ward 22.

Severally passed, under suspension of the rule.

WIDENING OF NORTH HARVARD STREET.

Coun. GALLAGHER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to widen to a width of sixty feet North Harvard street, from Cambridge street to Western avenue, Ward 22.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

BLEACHERS ON WILLIAM F. SMITH PLAYGROUND.

Coun. GALLAGHER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to erect bleachers on the William F. Smith Playground, Ward 22.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPAVING OF WARD 22 STREETS.

Coun. GALLAGHER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave Mapleton street, Ward 22, with smooth paving.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave Market street, Ward 22, with smooth paving. Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

CONVENIENCE STATION, WARD 22.

Coun. GALLAGHER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to establish a convenience station in the Old Town Hall, Ward 22.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

BRANCH LIBRARY AT PARKER HILL.

Coun. POWER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Trustees of the Boston Public Library be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide for the erection and maintenance of a new branch library at Parker Hill, Ward 10, to replace the present quarters which are no longer suitable for this purpose.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK ON FISHER AVENUE.

Coun. POWER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Fisher avenue, from Parker street to Hayden street, south side, Ward 10, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

The council took a recess subject to the call of the Chair at 3.55 p. m. The members reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by President LYNCH at 4.34 p. m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. MAHONEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) authorizing expenditure of \$20,000 by Commission on Marking of Historical Sites—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed, yeas 18, nays 0.

2. Report on message of Mayor and resolutions (referred today) approving legislation for widening and construction of Preble street, widening and

construction of Summer and L streets and Construction of Permanent Street Pavement,—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted, resolutions adopted.

WIDENING OF MORTON STREET.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, that the Board of Street Commissioners, through his Honor the Mayor, be, and the said Board hereby is, respectfully requested to widen Morton street, Dorchester, from Codman street to Druid street, under the provisions of chapter 393 of the Acts of 1906.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ANNUITY TO WIDOW OF THOMAS P. ROSSITER.

Coun. MURRAY offered the following:

Ordered, That an annuity of \$600 be allowed and paid to the widow of Thomas P. Rossiter, late member of the Boston Fire Department, who died from injuries received in the performance of his duty, such annuity to continue so long as said widow remains unmarried, and to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department, Pensions and Annuities.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

REPAVING OF HYDE PARK AVENUE.

Coun. MURRAY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth pavement Hyde Park avenue, from Forest Hills square to Neponset avenue, Ward 19.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

NORTH MEAD STREET, WARD 2.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth pavement North Mead street, Ward 2.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

CONDITIONS AT CHARLESTOWN HEIGHTS.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make a survey of conditions at Charlestown Heights and to inform the City Council as to the amount of money that will be required to fill in the slope on the Medford street side for the purpose of enlarging the playground and installing an all-the-year-around swimming pool.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

Adjourned, on motion of Coun. RUBY, at 4.44 p. m., to meet on Monday, January 27, at 2 p. m.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, January 27, 1930.

Regular meeting of the City Council in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President LYNCH in the chair. Absent, Coun. Dowd.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments for the term ending April 30, 1930, viz.:

Weighers of Coal: Edward F. Leary, 17 Hilton street, Roxbury; Frederick M. Grassie, 104 Ward street, city; Vincent J. Graham, 104 Ward street, city; George Pond, 115 Dresser street, South Boston.

Constables: Patrick A. Kelly, 303 West Fourth street, South Boston; Louis L. Alden, 17 Lansing street, Roxbury; Walter D. Flynn, 313 Silver street, South Boston; John S. Woods, 30 Longfellow street, Dorchester; Israel Spector, 9 Drummond street, Dorchester; William J. Mitchell, 11 Cushing terrace, Dorchester; John T. Thornell, 52 Matchett street, Brighton.

Severally laid over a week under the law.

NATIONAL CONVENTION OF AMERICAN LEGION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, January 27, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—The National Convention of the American Legion will be held in Boston, October 6 to 9, 1930, inclusive.

Legislation was enacted under chapter 337 of the Acts of 1928, authorizing the expenditure by the City of Boston of \$25,000 to aid in defraying the expenses incidental to the holding of the convention, and I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 337 of the Acts of 1928 the sum of \$25,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated to be expended under the direction of the Mayor, for the purpose of providing proper facilities for public entertainment at the time of the national convention of the American Legion, said sum to be charged to the Reserve Fund, when made.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

LOAN FOR NEW FERRYBOAT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, January 24, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I beg to forward herewith communication received from the Commissioner of Public Works setting forth the important need of a new ferryboat to replace the "General Sumner." The appended data received from the Commissioner of Public Works sets forth the fact that to recondition the "General Sumner" in conformity with the regulations and recommendations of the United States Steamboat Inspection Bureau would represent an expenditure approximating \$200,000. A new steel ferryboat, in all probability, could be constructed for \$350,000 and possibly less.

I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Public Works Department, January 9, 1930.
To the Honorable the Mayor.

The report of the United States Steamboat Inspectors on the condition of the ferryboat "General Sumner," with recommendations, is such that it is not advisable to consider the boat for further service.

To comply with the recommendations of the inspectors would entail an expense of approximately \$200,000, which I do not consider advisable. The character and weight of the traffic using the ferries is such that this boat would not be satisfactory. Therefore, I respectfully recommend that the "General Sumner" be sold as soon as may be, to avoid further expense.

We find it necessary to keep the pumps at work to prevent the boat from sinking and, furthermore, we could use the dock for more important purposes.

Yours respectfully,

JAMES H. SULLIVAN,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Ordered, That the sum of \$350,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated to be expended under the direction of the Public Works Commissioner, for new ferryboat, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

SALE OF FERRYBOAT "GENERAL SUMNER."

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, January 27, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—It is the opinion of the Commissioner of Public Works that the ferryboat "General Sumner" should be replaced by a new boat and I have recommended to your honorable body a loan order of \$350,000 for that purpose. The appended communication from the commissioner advises the sale of the old boat and I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be, and hereby is, authorized to sell at a duly advertised public auction, at an upset price of \$2,500, the ferryboat "General Sumner."

Referred to Executive Committee.

SANITARY CONDITIONS AT MUDDY RIVER.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, January 27, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the accompanying communication from the Park Department with reference to the improvement of sanitary conditions at Leverett pond and Muddy river. This matter, as you will note by the communication, has been the subject of investigation between the City of Boston and the town of Brookline for a period of six years, during which time the conditions have steadily become more menacing to the health of the city.

The terms arranged for the permanent improvement of sanitary conditions appear equitable and the result to be obtained most desirable.

Under the circumstances I recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Park Department, January 22, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—In June of 1924, your Honor called the attention of the Park Department to the condition of the lower end of Leverett pond, adjacent to Huntington avenue, from which Muddy river, so called, rises, and directed this department to

take it up with the Board of Health; also, to call the attention of the Board of Selectmen of the town of Brookline to conditions.

The result of communications forwarded from this department to the Board of Health and the Town Selectmen of Brookline lead to a conference, at which Henry X. Goodnough, chief engineer, Division of Sanitary Engineer Department of Public Health; Henry A. Varney, chief engineer, representing Brookline; Arthur A. Shurtleff, landscape architect, representing Boston, were appointed a committee to make a report and estimate and also to suggest an equitable apportionment of the cost of removing a deposit in Leverett pond and the Riverway.

In March, 1925, a report was received from this committee advocating that Brookline pay 58 per cent and Boston 42 per cent apportionment.

In August, 1926, a final report was made and a 60 per cent-40 per cent agreement was reported. This apportionment was not satisfactory to the Park Department and the matter has been hanging fire during the past four years.

I have had a number of conferences with the Board of Selectmen of the town of Brookline and finally have made an agreement with them that they will pay 66½ per cent and Boston 33½ per cent. This seems to be a fair and equitable apportionment. It means that Muddy river, from Brookline avenue, will be dredged to a depth of 5 feet to a point in Leverett pond—100 yards beyond the outlet of Mother brook, which will clear the river, allow the fish to again use the waters—mosquitoes will be done away with and it will also give an uninterrupted flow of water and remove a number of other objectionable features.

It is estimated that 40,000 cubic yards of material will be removed; also, a considerable amount of the edge planting will be destroyed. The estimated cost of this work and the restoring of the banks of the river, planting, etc., will be \$105,000. I am asking for an appropriation of \$35,000 for Boston's share of the expense so that this work can be started during the winter months when it will be least objectionable. It will also allow of the placing of the 40,000 cubic yards of material on the Strandway improvements, and will save the city the expense of having to purchase this amount of fill that will be required to do a portion of the work at this point.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

Ordered, That the sum of \$35,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated to be expended under the direction of the Park Commissioners, for Muddy River and Leverett Pond, Improvements, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

BUDGET FOR CURRENT YEAR.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 27, 1930.
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—Under the provisions of section 3 of the city charter the Mayor is required to submit the budget within thirty days after the beginning of the fiscal year.

Under existing law the city may raise \$6.52 on each one thousand of the average valuation for three years, less abatements, for general municipal purposes, exclusive of schools. Since 1918 the statutory figure has proven inadequate to provide for the needs of the city. As a result it has been necessary to appeal annually to the Legislature for an increase in the statutory tax limit.

Boston is the only city in the Commonwealth which is forced to make an annual petition of this kind. Believing that Boston should enjoy the same measure of home rule in so far as appropriations are concerned as the other cities of the Commonwealth, I have requested the Legislature this year to remove the tax limit. Until this request is acted upon it is impossible for me to submit to your honorable body the annual budget in full segregated form.

In order to avoid any question being raised

as to the submission of a budget within the time limit stated in the city charter, I submit herewith the budget in lump sum form.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX ORDERS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1930.

Ordered, That to meet the current expenses payable during the financial year beginning with the first day of January, 1930, for performing the duties and exercising the powers devolved by statute or ordinance, or by vote of the City Council during the year, upon the City of Boston or County of Suffolk, or the departments or officers thereof and to meet their respective obligations for interest on debt, sinking fund requirements and maturing debt not provided for by sinking fund, the respective sums of money specified in the tables and schedules hereinafter set out be, and the same are, hereby appropriated for the several departments and for the objects and purposes hereinafter stated.

Ordered, That the appropriation for Water Service, current expenses and the payment to the state under the provisions of chapter 488 of the Acts of 1895 and acts in addition or amendment thereto, and for the interest and debt requirements or for loans issued for water purposes be met by the income of said works and any excess over income from taxes; that the appropriation for Printing Department be met by the department income and any excess over income from taxes; and the appropriation for City Record be met by the income of said publication and any excess over income from taxes; that the other appropriations hereinafter specified be met out of the money remaining in the treasury at the close of business on December 31, 1929, exclusive of the money raised by loan or needed to carry out the requirements of any statute, gift, trust or special appropriation, and by the income of the financial year beginning January 1, 1930, and taxes to the amount of \$17,771,904.56 and that said amount be raised by taxation on the polls and estates in the City of Boston.

Ordered, That all sums of money which form no part of the income of the city, but shall be paid for services rendered or work done by any department or division for any other department or division, or for any person or corporation other than the City of Boston be paid into the general treasury, and that all contributions made to any appropriation be expended for the objects and purposes directed by the several contributors thereof.

Ordered, That all taxes raised to meet the appropriations of the city and all taxes assessed for meeting the city's proportion of the state tax for the year 1930, or for any other taxes or assessments payable to the Commonwealth, be due and payable on the fifteenth of September, 1930; that interest shall be charged on all taxes remaining unpaid after the second day of October, 1930, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 59, section 57, of the General Laws, until paid, except the taxes assessed upon shares of national banks, which shall bear interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum from the fifteenth day of September, 1930, until paid, and that all interest which shall have become due on taxes shall be added to and be part of such taxes.

Ordered, That except as the appropriation for any purpose or item shall be increased by additional appropriations or transfers lawfully made, no money shall be expended by any department for any of the purposes or items designated in the tables and schedules hereinafter set out in excess of the amount set down as appropriated for such specific purpose or item; and except as aforesaid, no salary or wages shall be paid in excess of the rate in said tables and schedules.

Art Department	\$1,850 00
Assessing Department	100,000 00
Auditing Department	45,000 00
Boston Retirement Board	9,000 00
Boston Traffic Commission	30,000 00
Budget Department	5,000 00
Building Department	96,000 00
Board of Examiners	2,500 00
Board of Appeal	4,200 00
City Clerk Department	29,500 00
City Council	23,500 00
City Council Proceedings	6,200 00
City Documents	24,000 00
City Planning Board	4,800 00
Collecting Department	148,000 00

Election Department.....	\$153,500 00
Finance Commission.....	24,000 00
Fire Department.....	1,820,000 00
Wire Division.....	55,000 00
Health Department.....	478,000 00
Hospital Department.....	1,000,000 00
Sanatorium Division.....	250,000 00
Institutions Department:	
Central Office.....	41,000 00
Long Island Hospital.....	141,000 00
Child Welfare Division.....	100,200 00
Steamer "George A. Hibbard" and	
Launch "James J. Minot".....	15,000 00
Rainsford Island, Care of.....	1,200 00
Law Department.....	46,000 00
Library Department.....	406,000 00
Licensing Board.....	22,500 00
Market Department.....	9,600 00
Mayor, Office Expenses.....	42,000 00
Public Celebrations.....	42,000 00
Park Department.....	525,000 00
Cemetery Division.....	80,000 00
Public Buildings Department.....	200,000 00
Public Welfare Department:	
Central Office.....	1,000,000 00
Temporary Home.....	4,000 00
Wayfarers' Lodge.....	7,000 00
Police Department.....	1,400,000 00
Public Works Department:	
Central Office.....	50,000 00
Bridge Service.....	200,000 00
Ferry Service.....	190,000 00
Lighting Service.....	252,000 00
Paving Service.....	555,000 00
Sanitary Service.....	570,000 00
Sewer Service.....	325,000 00
Registry Department.....	30,000 00
Reserve Fund.....	420,794 56
Sinking Funds Department.....	1,500 00
Soldiers' Relief Department.....	375,000 00
Statistics Department.....	750,000 00
Street Laying-Out Department.....	150,000 00
Supply Department.....	27,000 00
Treasury Department.....	37,000 00
Weights and Measures Department.....	25,000 00
Bridges, Repairs, etc.....	60,000 00
Granolithic Sidewalks.....	30,000 00
Reconstructing and Repairing	
Streets by Contract.....	750,000 00
	<u>\$12,448,344 56</u>
City Debt Requirements.....	<u>\$3,500,000 00</u>
Jail.....	\$125,600 00
Suffolk County Courthouse, Custodian.....	81,000 00
Suffolk County Courthouse, County Buildings.....	50,500 00
County Buildings.....	45,000 00
Supreme Judicial Court.....	36,000 00
Superior Court, Civil Session, General Expenses.....	300,000 00
Superior Court, Civil Session, Clerk's Office.....	85,000 00
Superior Court, Criminal Session.....	295,000 00
Probate Court.....	14,000 00
Municipal Court.....	235,000 00
Municipal Court, Charlestown District.....	16,000 00
East Boston District Court.....	15,500 00
Municipal Court, South Boston District.....	12,500 00
Municipal Court, Dorchester District.....	12,000 00
Municipal Court, Roxbury District.....	35,000 00
Municipal Court, West Roxbury District.....	12,000 00
Municipal Court, Brighton District.....	7,800 00
Boston Juvenile Court.....	15,000 00
District Court of Chelsea.....	12,000 00
Registry of Deeds.....	84,000 00
Index Commissioners.....	9,600 00
Insanity Cases.....	15,000 00
Land Court.....	3,000 00
Medical Examiner, Northern District.....	13,000 00
Medical Examiner, Southern District.....	8,400 00
Associate Medical Examiner, Northern District.....	1,150 00
Associate Medical Examiner, Southern District.....	1,150 00

Miscellaneous Expenses:	
Auditing Department.....	\$500 00
Collecting Department.....	660 00
Treasury Department.....	3,100 00
Sheriff.....	1,900 00
Granite Avenue Bridge.....	1,600 00
Social Law Library.....	600 00
House of Correction.....	160,000 00
Steamer "Michael J. Perkins".....	25,000 00

\$1,733,560 00County Debt Requirements..... \$90,000 00Printing Department..... \$200,000 00City Record, Publication of..... \$17,500 00Public Works Department, Water Service..... \$840,000 00

Collecting Department, Water Division..... 25,000 00

Water Service, Debt Requirements, 30,000 00\$895,000 00

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

LOAN FOR BRIGHTON COURTHOUSE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 24, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—The facilities for the transaction of civil and criminal business at the Brighton Court are already overtaxed and, in the opinion of the judge of the Brighton District Court, additional accommodations are necessary.

When provision was made for the erection of the original structure in 1925 the amount of money available was insufficient to complete the same and as a result it has been in an incomplete state to the present time.

The Superintendent of Public Buildings and the architect are of the opinion that \$160,000 additional will be necessary to provide suitable accommodations to complete the Brighton Courthouse, and I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the sum of \$160,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated to be expended under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Buildings, for Courthouse, Brighton, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

LOAN FOR COLUMBUS PARK AND STRANDWAY IMPROVEMENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 23, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—Through an inadvertence, oversight or error, the order pending before your honorable body providing an expenditure in the sum of \$750,000 for improvements at South Boston reads "Columbus Park Development and Improvement."

It was intended, and should read "Columbus Park and Strandway Improvements," and I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying order, providing an amendment to pending order.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the sum of \$750,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated to be expended by the Board of Park Commissioners for Columbus Park and Strandway Improvements, etc., and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

On motion of Coun. MAHONEY, the rule was suspended, and the order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 16, nays 0.

COLUMBUS PARK IMPROVEMENTS.

President LYNCH called up, under unfinished business, No. 4 on the calendar, viz.:

4. Ordered, That the sum of \$750,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated to be expended by the Board of Park Commissioners for Columbus Park, Improvements, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

On January 13, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 20, nays 0.

On motion of Coun. LYNCH, the order was rejected.

SALE OF ARMORY BUILDING, EAST BOSTON.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 27, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—The Armory Building, located at 154 Maverick street, East Boston, in the opinion of the Supervisor of Construction of the Building Department, is in a dangerous and unsafe condition for public use.

The Supervisor of Construction recommends a list of improvements which, if provided by the city, would represent an expenditure fully as great as the entire assessment of the property in question.

In my opinion it would be the part of wisdom to dispose of this property at an upset price of \$5,000. I appreciate that this may appear an arbitrary figure since it covers little more than the value of the land yet, nevertheless, it appears a fair one and I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be, and hereby is, authorized, in the name and behalf of the city, to sell at public auction at an upset price of \$5,000 title and interest of the City of Boston in and to the property known as the Old Armory Building, 150 and 152 Maverick street, East Boston, in said Boston, and containing 4,337 square feet of land, more or less, and a two-story wooden building, and to execute and deliver a deed of the same to the purchaser in form satisfactory to the Law Department.

Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Belson Pharmacy, for refund on unused refuse tickets.

Joseph M. Bishop, for compensation for loss of bag at City Hospital.

Mary Cahill, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Municipal Building, Hyde Park.

Joseph Durante, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at 1995 Dorchester avenue.

Madeline Finnegan, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 101 Chester street.

Margaret V. Flynn, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Brookline avenue.

Elsa Granberg, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Washington and Harvard streets.

Iver Johnson Sporting Goods Company, for compensation for damage to property at 155 Washington street, Boston, caused by defective sewerage system.

Kasha's Art Gift Shoppe, for refund on unused refuse tickets.

Evelyn M. Kittredge, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Baker street, West Roxbury.

Fred K. Maling, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Blue Hill avenue.

Wesley W. Marks, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in North Drawbridge.

Edith Martinello *et al.*, for compensation for injuries caused by city truck.

Vincent Migliore, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Old Heath street, Roxbury.

Mary I. Mitchell, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Huntington avenue.

Frederic W. Mullen, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at 106 Forest Hills street.

Bertha A. Peppard, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Blagden street.

Frederic A. Sherwood, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Fourth street.

Samuel Temple, for compensation for damage to property at 53 Charles street, caused by leak in water main.

Executive.

Petitions for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement, viz.:

Lester P. Gould, at Washington Auditorium, February 3.

H. B. Simpson, at George W. Brown Hall, January 25.

MEMBERS OF OLD SOUTH ASSOCIATION.

A communication was received from Courtenay Guild, Secretary of the Old South Association of Boston, stating that the annual meeting of the association is to be held the latter part of February and requesting the Council to name two members before that time.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENTS.

Notice was received of the following appointments by the Mayor, viz.:

Edmund L. Dolan, Commissioner of Sinking Funds, as Acting City Treasurer, to be effective at close of business January 25, 1930.

Charles J. Fox, Budget Commissioner, as Acting Sinking Funds Commissioner, to be effective at close of business January 25, 1930.

John J. Martin, 132 Commonwealth avenue, to position of Park Commissioner.

Michael H. Corcoran, 433 West Roxbury Parkway, West Roxbury, to position of Sinking Funds Commissioner.

Severally placed on file.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS.

Notice was received of approval by the Board of Civil Service Commissioners of the following appointments by the Mayor:

Thomas J. Hurley, Street Commissioner.

Frederic J. Crosby, 75 Arborway, Jamaica Plain, Sinking Funds Commissioner.

Edmund L. Dolan, 380 Jamaicaaway, Jamaica Plain, Sinking Funds Commissioner.

Samuel Kalesky, 68 Warrenton street, Sinking Funds Commissioner.

Severally placed on file.

NOTICE OF INTEREST IN CONTRACTS.

Notice was received from William A. Reilly, member of the School Committee, Manager, McLaughlin & Reilly Company and William E. Ashmall & Co., 100 Boylston street, of interest in music publications which may be used in Boston public schools, one order having been placed for Jamaica Plain High School.

Notice was received from Joseph A. Tomasello, member of Board of Appeal, of interest in contract with City of Boston for removal of snow and ice in District No. 6.

Severally placed on file.

STORAGE AND SALE OF GASOLENE.

Notice was received from the Board of Street Commissioners of hearings on petitions for storage and sale of gasoline to be held February 10, viz.: Philip J. Berson, 1280B Blue Hill avenue, Ward 14, 1,000 gallons.

Chester F. Freeman, 241 Harrison avenue, etc., Ward 3, 2,000 gallons gasoline, 500 gallons oil.
Referred to the Executive Committee.

APPROVAL OF CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The constables' bonds of William A. Colluppy and John J. Stanton, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, were received and approved.

PAYMENT TO FATHER OF WANDA TALOWSKY.

Coun. FISH offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council favors the enactment of legislation providing for the payment of a sum of money to the father of Wanda Talowsky, who was fatally injured at the Hemenway Playground, in the City of Boston.

Coun. FISH—Mr. President, in regard to that order, I would say that this little girl was instantly killed when she fell from a swing in a playground in my ward. A bill has been filed with the Legislature in regard to the matter by Representative Hickey. Therefore, I move a suspension of the rule for the passage of the resolve.

The resolve was passed under suspension of the rule.

WARD 19 STREETS.

Coun. MURRAY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Roy road, Ward 19, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Marion road, Ward 19, as a public highway.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

LEASE TO ALLSTON POST.

Coun. GALLAGHER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to arrange to lease to the Allston Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, at a nominal rental, the old firehouse on Chestnut Hill avenue, which has been abandoned for use by the Fire Department, said firehouse to be used by said post as a headquarters.

Coun. HEIN—Mr. President, in regard to the order offered by Councilor Gallagher with reference to the building in Brighton formerly occupied by a firehouse, I would like to state at this time that such use has been discontinued for some time, and that there is now a wonderful opportunity to provide quarters for this post in that building.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

HEALTH UNIT IN BRIGHTON.

Coun. GALLAGHER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Trustees of the George Robert White Fund be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to consider the establishment and maintenance of a health unit in Brighton.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

BRANCH LIBRARY, WARD 22.

Coun. GALLAGHER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Trustees of the Boston Public Library be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to establish a branch library in the Oak square section of Ward 22.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

BRANCH LIBRARY, WARD 15.

Coun. KELLY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Trustees of the Boston Public Library be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to establish and maintain a branch library on Bowdoin street, in the Meeting House Hill section of Ward 15.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ACCEPTANCE OF WARD 14 STREETS.

Coun. RUBY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Ormond street, Ward 14, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Gilmer street, Ward 14, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Normandy street, Ward 14, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Frontenac street, Ward 14, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Livingston street, Ward 14, as a public highway.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

PAYMENT TO PARENTS OF GEORGE L. SCOLPONETI.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston hereby approves the enactment of legislation to authorize the payment of a sum of money to the parents of George L. Scolponeti.

Resolve passed under suspension of the rule.

RESURFACING OF WARD 10 STREETS.

Coun. POWER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Delle avenue, Ward 10.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Bynner street, Ward 10, from South Huntington avenue to Creighton street.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

EMPLOYMENT FOR CITIZENS.

Coun. POWER, for Coun. Gleason, offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston hereby favors the enactment of legislation authorizing the city to borrow money for the purpose of providing employment for its citizens.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PUBLIC GYMNASIUM, SOUTH BOSTON.

Coun. MAHONEY offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston hereby approves the enactment of legislation for the establishing of a public gymnasium in the South Boston district.

Resolve passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK ON MISHAWUM STREET.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Mishawum street,

from Main street to Rutherford avenue, both sides, Ward 2, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PAYMENT TO WIDOW OF JOHN H. MAHONEY.

Coun. BUSH offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council hereby approves the enactment of legislation to enable the City of Boston to pay a certain sum of money to the widow of John H. Mahoney.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK ON WINTHROP STREET.

Coun. BUSH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Winthrop street, from No. 1 to 69 and from No. 2 to 24, Ward 12, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPAVING OF WINTHROP STREET.

Coun. BUSH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave Winthrop street, Ward 12, with smooth paving.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ACCEPTANCE OF ROSARIA STREET.

Coun. FISH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out as a public highway Rosaria street, Ward 16.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ACCEPTANCE OF ASSABET STREET.

Coun. FISH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out as a public highway Assabet street, Ward 16.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

BRANCH LIBRARY IN GERMANTOWN DISTRICT, WARD 20.

Coun. COX offered the following:

Ordered, That the Trustees of the Boston Public Library be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to establish and maintain a branch library in the Germantown district of Ward 20.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

The Council voted at 2.29 p. m., on motion of Coun. ENGLERT, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled in the Council Chamber at 3.02 p. m., and were called to order by President LYNCH.

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

President LYNCH called up, under unfinished business, No. 1 on the calendar, viz.:

1. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor January 20, 1930, of Samuel Gordon, Marx Goldfarb, Simon Hirshon, Michael J. Field, to be Constables.

The question came on confirmation of the appointments. Committee, Coun. Gallagher and Englert. Whole number of ballots 14, yeas 14, and the appointments were confirmed.

LOAN IN ANTICIPATION OF TAXES.

President LYNCH called up, under unfinished business, No. 2 on the calendar, viz.:

2. Ordered, That to provide temporarily money to meet the appropriations for the financial year 1930, the City Treasurer issue and sell, at such times and in such amounts as he may deem best, notes or certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston not exceeding twenty-four million dollars in the total, in anticipation of the taxes of the current municipal year: that all such notes or certificates of indebtedness be dated the day the money for the same is received, be made payable with the interest thereon within one year of their date from the taxes of the year 1930, and bear interest from their date until the same are made payable at such rate as the City Auditor, the City Treasurer and the Mayor may determine.

On January 13, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 20, nays 0.

The order was given its second and final reading and passage, yeas 19, nays 0.

LAND, BATH STREET.

President LYNCH called up, under unfinished business, No. 3 on the calendar, viz.:

3. Whereas, It is proposed that Bath street in the City of Boston be discontinued:

Now, therefore, it is Ordered, That in the event of such discontinuance the Mayor of the said City of Boston be, and he hereby is, authorized to grant to the Water Street Company, a Massachusetts corporation, by an instrument in writing satisfactory to the Law Department of said City of Boston, all the right, title and interest which the said City of Boston may have at the time of or after said street is discontinued in and to the following parcels of land which make up said Bath street, namely, a certain parcel of land containing 929 square feet, shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Boston, Scale 8 feet to 1 inch, May 23, 1929, Aspinwall & Lincoln, Civil Engineers," filed in the land registration office June 19, 1929, numbered 13639A, and filed with certificate of title numbered 26757 in the Suffolk Registry District of the Land Court; a parcel of land containing one hundred thirty-four and 6-10 square feet, shown on a plan of land entitled "Plan of land in Boston, Scale 3 feet to 1 inch, July 19, 1929, Aspinwall & Lincoln, Civil Engineers," filed in the land registration office August 23, 1929, numbered 13751A, and filed with certificate of title numbered 26758 in the Suffolk Registry District of the Land Court, upon the payment to the said City of Boston of thirty thousand dollars, and upon the further consideration that the said Water Street Company shall, by an instrument in writing satisfactory to the Law Department of the said City of Boston, agree to hold the said City of Boston harmless from all claims and demands for damages caused by or in any way growing out of said discontinuance, or growing out of this grant;

And it is further Ordered, That the Mayor of the City of Boston be, and he hereby is, authorized to execute and deliver the said instrument which shall be satisfactory in form to the Law Department of the City of Boston.

On January 13, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 20, nays 0.

The order was given its second and final reading and passage, yeas 19, nays 0.

PAY ROLL, REGISTRY OF DEEDS.

The pay roll of Registry of Deeds for work performed to the amount of \$7,412.25, viz., piece work A-2 and A-3, January 1 to 18, inclusive, regular employees, January 16 to 31, inclusive, was received and approved.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. MAHONEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on communication from secretary of Old South Association of Boston (referred today) requesting Council to name two members of association—that the communication be placed on file.

The report was accepted, and the communication was placed on file.

President LYNCH.—The Council will now proceed to elect two managers of the Old South Association.

The roll was called by the clerk, Coun. Curtis receiving 19 votes and Coun. Mahoney 18 votes, with the result that both were declared elected managers of the Old South Association.

2. Report on petitions (referred today) for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement, viz.:

Lester P. Gould, at Washington Auditorium, February 3; H. B. Simpson, at George W. Brown Hall, January 25, that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on usual conditions.

3. Report on communication from the Mayor and order (referred today) that the Commissioner of Public Works be authorized to sell at duly advertised public auction, at an upset price of \$2,500, the ferryboat "General Sumner"—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

4. Report on communication from the Mayor and order (referred today) that City of Boston appropriate \$25,000 for purpose of providing proper facilities for public entertainment of National Convention of the American Legion to be held in Boston October 6-9, 1930—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted, said order passed, yeas 20, nays 0.

FINANCE REPORT.

Coun. DONOVAN, for the Committee on Finance, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred January 13) for a loan of \$1,000,000 to be expended under direction of Commissioner of Public Works for Sewerage Works—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the question came on the passage of the order.

Coun. DONOVAN.—Mr. President, briefly I might explain this for the benefit of the newer members of the Council. It is the customary loan order allowed under the Act of 1908 for \$1,000,000 annually for construction of the sewer system of Boston. As a matter of fact, there is dire need not only for the \$1,000,000, but for \$3,000,000 or \$5,000,000 to carry on the contemplated sewer plans of the Mayor; and it will require large expenditures to make the necessary improvements in order that the sewer plans may be carried out in such sections as East Boston, Roxbury, West Roxbury, Dorchester and Hyde Park. For example, twenty streets were laid out and accepted last year, but not constructed, because they ran out of money. Now, if a proper amount of money is not allowed for this work, and there should be \$1,800,000 instead of \$1,000,000 at the present moment it must be curtailed. There is dire need for the prompt passage of the order at this time.

The report was accepted, and the order passed, yeas 20, nays 0.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Coun. MAHONEY, for the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, submitted report recommending passage of order for payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the City of Boston for the month of January, 1930.

Report accepted, said order passed under suspension of the rule.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

Coun. BUSH, for the Committee on Claims, submitted report on petition of A. A. Tapp (referred December 23, 1929) for reimbursement for amount of execution against him on account of his

acts as member of the Boston Fire Department, submitted report recommending passage of accompanying order, viz.:

Ordered, That the sum of \$175 be allowed and paid to A. A. Tapp in reimbursement for the amount of an execution against him on account of his acts as a member of the Boston Fire Department, said sum to be charged to the Reserve Fund.

The report was accepted and the order passed.

COMMITTEE ON JITNEY LICENSES.

Coun. MURRAY, for the Committee on jitney Licenses, submitted the following:

1. Report on petition (referred November 12) of Boston Elevated Railway Company to operate motor vehicles between South Station and the junction of Clarendon street and Columbus avenue—recommending leave be granted.

Coun. WILSON.—Mr. President, I would like to hear something with reference to that particular order, feeling, as I do, that we have enough jitney bus lines in the central district of the City of Boston. We now have bus lines going down School street, up along Washington street and other streets, through Post Office square, that ought to be abolished. Therefore, I would like to know as to the necessity for this particular bus line, its route, and how many buses are involved.

Coun. MURRAY.—I might say, Mr. President, that this is not a new route, but is really a curtailment of an old route. Instead of going to Copley square, it will now stop at Clarendon street. It was at the suggestion of the councilor from the district that the committee voted to report in favor. He might be able to give any information the councilor from Dorchester wants to have.

Coun. WILSON.—I understand that, so far as this particular bus route is concerned, it means really a shorter route?

President LYNCH.—According to the councilor, it does.

Coun. ARNOLD.—I have nothing to add to that, Mr. President. This just shortens up the present route and makes the service more frequent. As far as my district is concerned, the people had just as soon have the buses stop at the lower end instead of coming up into the more congested section of Copley square. But I think the action proposed here is along the line of action that Councilor Wilson said should be taken.

The report was accepted, and license granted, under the usual conditions.

BRANCH LIBRARIES IN EAST BOSTON.

Coun. DONOVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Trustees of the Boston Public Library be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to establish and maintain branch libraries in the Day Square section and First Section area of East Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES PROPOSED.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That the President of the City Council be authorized to appoint a special committee consisting of seven members of the Council and to be known as the Committee on Boston Tercentenary Celebration.

Ordered, That the President of the City Council be authorized to appoint a special committee consisting of seven members of the Council and to be known as the Port of Boston Committee.

Ordered, That the President of the City Council be authorized to appoint a special committee consisting of seven members and to be known as the Greater Boston Committee.

Severally referred to the Committee on Rules.

NEW BUILDING FOR ROXBURY MUNICIPAL COURT.

Coun. BUSH offered the following:

Ordered, That the sum of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is,

appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Buildings for the purchase of a site and the construction of a new building for the Municipal Court of the Roxbury District, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City to said amount.

Coun. BUSH—Mr. President and members of the Council, both the criminal and civil business of the Roxbury District Court has been increasing at a tremendous ratio for the last few years, and the business has outgrown the facilities of the court to handle it. On any day when business is being handled at the court you will find that crowds of people are overflowing the courtrooms and corridors, almost down to the street. There are no facilities there for rooms for counsel, where counsel may interview clients; there are no waiting rooms for women; the wash rooms are inadequate, and the entire facilities of the courthouse are in a disgraceful condition, because of the tremendous increase in business. The time has arrived when something has to be done in order to afford increased and better facilities.

During the past year there was an order introduced here for an increase in the quarters, making provisions for increased quarters for the Probation Department. That was denied by the Council for reasons then stated. But increase in those quarters alone would not begin to satisfy conditions out there. While the building was originally fairly well built, it was built without any view apparently to the future needs of the district, because the business has far outrun the capacity of the building. It would, therefore, seem necessary as well as desirable, that this order should pass, in order that we may have a new courthouse for that district.

The order was referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPAVING OF MOUNTFORT STREET.

Coun. HEIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Mountfort street, from Beacon street to St. Mary's street, Ward 21.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ELM DALE STREET, WARD 16.

Coun. FISH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept Elm Dale street, Ward 16, as a public highway.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPAVING OF WARD 14 STREETS.

Coun. RUBY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth pavement Bullard street, Ward 14.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth pavement Bernard street, Ward 14.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth pavement Greenwood street, Ward 14.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

BRANCH LIBRARIES.

Coun. WILSON, for Coun. Norton, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Trustees of the Boston Public Library be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to establish and maintain a branch library in the Readville section of Hyde Park.

Ordered, That the Trustees of the Boston Public Library be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to establish and maintain a branch library in Ward 18, Mattapan.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

Adjourned, at 3.23 p. m., on motion of Coun. POWER, to meet on Monday, February 3, at 2 p. m.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, February 3, 1930.

Regular meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President LYNCH in the chair. Absent, Coun. Gallagher.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn, in the manner prescribed by law, Coun. Ruby and Wilson presiding at the box in the absence of the Mayor, as follows:

Thirty-one traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, First Session, to appear March 3, 1930:

Thomas J. O'Connor, Ward 1; Daniel F. Shea, Ward 1; James S. Spinale, Ward 1; James Jullano, Ward 2; George L. Sanborn, Ward 2; Harry L. Elliott, Ward 3; Julius L. Price, Ward 5; William F. Shinnick, Ward 6; Richard L. Crawford, Ward 8; John A. B. Gebhardt, Ward 9; Ignatius Berran, Ward 11; Earl N. Chambers, Ward 11; William J. Flanagan, Ward 12; Edgar N. Smith, Ward 12; Lester B. Young, Ward 12; James T. Burns, Ward 13; Hyman Fein, Ward 14; Harry Kaplan, Ward 14; Frank A. Bailey, Ward 15; Thomas P. Gorey, Ward 15; John J. King, Jr., Ward 16; Walter M. Cusick, Ward 17; Fred Crosby, Ward 18; Louis S. White, Ward 18; Thomas J. Lee, Ward 19; George R. Slader, Ward 19; Henry C. Bertram, Ward 20; Charles O. Smith, Ward 20; Charles Henry Watts, Ward 20.

Twenty traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, Second Session, to appear March 5, 1930:

Joseph DeSisto, Ward 1; Simon McCarthy, Ward 1; James F. Anderson, Ward 2; Walter J. Hope, Ward 4; Daniel W. Donovan, Ward 6; Edward J. Wall, Ward 6; Alfred C. Fannon, Ward 7; Gustav F. H. Kieckbusch, Ward 8; Arthur J. Carlberg, Ward 9; Neil J. McLaughlin, Ward 10; William Fandel, Ward 11; Frederick Reiss, Ward 11; Benjamin Kovitz, Ward 12; William H. Brady, Ward 13; Charles F. Cleary, Ward 17; Joseph H. Pimental, Ward 17; George P. Rupert, Jr., Ward 19; Raymond W. Pearce, Ward 20; Arthur W. Osborne, Ward 21; Thomas Pembroke, Ward 22.

Thirty-one traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, Fourth Session, to appear March 3, 1930:

Henry J. D. Boudrot, Ward 2; Sylvester B. Colbert, Ward 2; Joseph Francis, Ward 6; William H. Donovan, Ward 7; Frank M. J. Kelley, Ward 7; Thomas J. Clark, Ward 8; Walter J. Connelly, Ward 8; Patrick O'Rourke, Ward 8; Francis T. Wells, Ward 10; David J. Sullivan, Ward 11; Charles C. Wells, Ward 11; Francis J. Woods, Ward 11; Timothy J. Field, Ward 12; Fred P. Keough, Ward 12; William F. Turner, Ward 12; John A. McLaughlin, Ward 13; James Paretsky, Ward 14; Justin H. Rogers, Ward 14; Frederick Fahnley, Ward 16; Hubert J. McLaughlin, Ward 17; Harlow M. Smith, Ward 17; Kirke W. Walker, Ward 18; James E. Duston, Ward 19; Harry O. Mosher, Ward 19; Daniel J. Sweeney, Ward 19; Aaron H. Horton, Ward 20; Verr J. Bennett, Ward 21; Ernest I. Martin, Ward 21; Bartholomew J. Coughlin, Ward 22; Edward Fox, Ward 22; Frederick W. Mahoney, Ward 22.

Thirty-one traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, Fifth Session, to appear March 10, 1930:

Albert M. Harding, Ward 1; Jacob Rutsky, Ward 1; Patrick Burke, Ward 2; Robert W. Feeney, Ward 3; David W. Sheehan, Ward 3; Edward Barrett, Ward 5; William H. Sullivan, Ward 5; Dennis A. Minton, Ward 6; William J. O'Hara, Ward 6; Alfred J. Wiederhold, Ward 6; John J. Hodgdon, Ward 7; John P. Mahan, Ward 7; John H. Rafferty, Ward 8; George R. Perkins, Ward 9; Francis J. Doyle, Ward 11; Edward F. Spellman, Ward 11; Victor O. Haug, Ward 12; Clause O. Anderson, Ward 13; Edward W. Shea, Ward 13; Walter F. J. Clark, Ward 15; Bernard J.

Hampe, Ward 15; Michael H. Murray, Ward 15; Carl Erik Erikson, Ward 16; Paul William Menzel, Ward 17; David J. Roberts, Ward 17; Fred W. Gilliam, Ward 18; Edmund L. Currier, Ward 19; James E. Fletcher, Ward 21; Harry L. Holbrook, Ward 21; George W. Smith, Jr., Ward 21; Leon Waldo, Ward 21.

Twenty-seven traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, First Session, January Sitting, to appear March 3, 1930:

Maurice Driscoll, Ward 2; Frederick J. Armstrong, Ward 3; Franklin E. Parker, Ward 4; William G. Ellicott, Ward 5; Reinhard Wesche, Ward 5; Ransom I. Lawler, Ward 6; Michael J. Dowling, Ward 7; Edward B. Marden, Ward 7; Owen F. Flaherty, Ward 8; John J. Daily, Ward 11; Hugh J. Coyne, Ward 13; John T. Sheehan, Ward 13; Frank Gorfinkle, Ward 14; Solomon Silverman, Ward 14; Sylvester J. Connolly, Ward 15; Jeremiah J. Murphy, Ward 15; John H. Chambers, Jr., Ward 16; Robert C. Jank, Jr., Ward 18; James J. Jeffers, Ward 18; John W. Marshall, Ward 18; Albert H. Stonesheet, Ward 18; Walter E. Greene, Ward 19; Louis P. McCarron, Ward 19; Alfred E. I. Rasmussen, Ward 19; Frederick W. Abbe, Ward 20; Charles E. Churchill, Ward 20; Clarence E. Wheeler, Ward 21.

Twenty-nine traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Second Session, January Sitting, to appear March 3, 1930:

William J. Donahue, Ward 1; William T. Ford, Ward 2; Francis R. Golden, Ward 2; James A. Daley, Ward 4; William H. Saunders, Ward 4; George E. Frank, Ward 7; Frank E. Ward, Ward 8; William C. Healey, Ward 9; Fred Partridge, Ward 9; Luke F. Brennan, Ward 10; Matthew J. Mullen, Ward 10; George Allan, Ward 11; Alexander Duncan Mackay, Ward 12; Patrick T. Cronin, Ward 15; Patrick F. Meade, Ward 15; James B. Murphy, Ward 15; Andres J. Davidson, Ward 16; James A. Galvin, Ward 17; James T. Gormley, Ward 17; Austin J. O'Connor, Ward 17; Ernest F. Bowley, Ward 18; George Chalmers, Ward 18; George H. Rogers, Jr., Ward 18; James Brown, Ward 19; Richard Murphy, Ward 19; Anton J. Burkard, Ward 20; Ernest H. Gillette, Ward 20; Edward B. Lawton, Ward 20; Clifford E. Newell, Ward 20.

Twenty-eight traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Third Session, January Sitting, to appear March 3, 1930:

Michael A. Harrington, Ward 1; Patrick A. Doherty, Ward 2; James J. Doherty, Ward 2; Timothy J. Garvin, Ward 2; Henry F. Donovan, Ward 7; Charles H. Dudley, Ward 7; John F. McCarthy, Ward 7; Telespher Mikolsiewski, Ward 7; Thomas F. Murray, Ward 7; Lewis MacKenzie, Ward 10; Martin McGee, Ward 10; Joseph P. Callahan, Ward 11; Manning Hearsey, Ward 11; Thomas H. Kearns, Ward 11; Aaron Jacobson, Ward 12; Melvin Cole Masse, Ward 12; Max Goodman, Ward 14; Philip Sandler, Ward 14; Joseph A. Charron, Ward 15; Patrick J. Gavin, Ward 15; Walter A. Punch, Ward 15; Frank E. Wood, Ward 15; Lester H. Colby, Ward 16; Herbert W. Ruggles, Ward 17; Bruce A. Stevens, Ward 18; Percival E. Maw, Ward 19; John R. Sibley, Ward 20; Alfred W. Baker, Ward 21.

Twenty-eight traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Fourth Session, January Sitting, to appear March 3, 1930:

Charles E. Gatchell, Ward 1; William F. Green, Ward 2; Michael Rizzo, Ward 3; Hyman Cooper, Ward 5; John J. Cavanaugh, Ward 6; James E. O'Neil, Ward 6; Frank H. Gill, Ward 7; Joseph Klayman, Ward 7; Timothy A. Donahue, Ward 10; James F. Driscoll, Ward 10; Martin A. Fay, Ward 10; Jacob Noll, Ward 11; Wolfe Epstein, Ward 14; David J. Mints, Ward 14; William P. Croke, Ward 15; Henry G. Dehluist, Ward 16; Thomas E. Walker, Ward 16; William J. Coleman, Ward 17; Patrick J. McMahon, Ward 17; John C. O'Connell, Ward 17; Alexander L. Rose, Ward 17; John F. Hayes, Ward 18; Sewell R. Payson, Ward 20; Frank L. Spencer, Ward 20; Albert J. Hutchings, Ward 21; Henry H. Blattner, Ward 22; Robert E. Doherty, Ward 22; Joseph Tighe, Ward 22.

Twenty-nine traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Fifth Session, January Sitting, to appear March 3, 1930:

Joseph P. Redmond, Ward 1; Edward L. Woods, Ward 1; Thomas J. Grady, Ward 3; Paulo Luisi,

Ward 3; William E. Brand, Ward 4; Thomas J. Cross, Jr., Ward 6; Charles H. Hottelmann, Ward 6; Frederick N. Johnson, Ward 6; Julius L. Margot, Ward 6; Thomas J. Mulken, Ward 6; William H. Kenny, Ward 7; Harold F. Smith, Ward 8; Edward Hughes, Ward 10; William A. Coyne, Ward 11; Charles L. Cronan, Ward 11; Harry Fine, Ward 12; Hyman Fienberg, Ward 14; Samuel Rose, Ward 14; Frank J. Mahoney, Ward 15; Joseph R. Quilty, Ward 15; Michael J. Golden, Ward 17; Roger I. Grant, Ward 18; Daniel J. Holland, Ward 19; Arthur Miller, Ward 19; Joseph T. Griffin, Ward 21; William McGrady, Ward 22; Louis H. Melsaac, Ward 22; John J. Smith, Ward 22; John J. Walsh, Ward 22.

Twenty-nine traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Sixth Session, January Sitting, to appear March 3, 1930:

Frank Goggin, Ward 2; Joseph F. Hughes, Ward 2; Douglass McPherson, Ward 2; Frederick H. Annis, Ward 4; Patrick J. Carey, Ward 4; Paul W. Keenan, Ward 4; Charles R. Kenfield, Ward 4; Patrick J. Burke, Ward 7; John H. Maloney, Jr., Ward 7; Jeremiah Mulcahy, Ward 7; Thomas J. McCarthy, Ward 8; Charles H. Weldon, Ward 8; Benjamin F. Albisser, Ward 9; Gottlieb Bader, Ward 10; Frank J. Burns, Ward 10; Joseph B. Dobbins, Ward 10; John J. Quigley, Ward 19; Giuseppe Rugo, Ward 13; Max Fienberg, Ward 14; John L. Manning, Ward 15; Walter L. Corcoran, Ward 16; John Davies, Ward 16; John J. Dunn, Ward 16; Alfred E. Feist, Ward 18; David W. Gorman, Ward 19; William F. Ehrlich, Ward 20; Joshua S. Lipkin, Ward 21; James A. Mulligan, Ward 22; Charles P. Wilson, Ward 22.

Twenty-seven traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Seventh Session, January Sitting, to appear March 3, 1930:

Daniel J. Hasson, Ward 1; Harry Otterson, Ward 1; Frank T. Guilfoyle, Ward 2; Justin R. Slate, Ward 5; Walter S. Whitten, Ward 5; Thomas J. Draper, Ward 9; Thomas S. Walsh, Ward 9; William H. Bleiler, Ward 10; John J. Murphy, Ward 10; Francis C. Gaffey, Ward 11; Louis Hillson, Ward 12; Frank B. Howland, Ward 12; Henry A. Fox, Ward 13; James J. Kelley, Ward 13; John H. Gillen, Ward 14; James H. Long, Ward 14; Jeremiah W. Kerins, Ward 15; John H. Coughlin, Ward 16; Daniel W. Ferris, Ward 16; George H. Burr, Ward 17; Joseph A. Holden, Ward 18; Charles H. Spencer, Ward 18; Homer W. Geer, Ward 20; Henry B. Winslow, Ward 20; Milton A. Snyder, Ward 21; Michael J. Donovan, Ward 22; Francis S. McCarthy, Ward 22.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council the Mayor submitted the following appointments, for the term ending April 30, 1930, viz.:

Constables: Leo J. Shea, 6 Longwood Avenue court, Roxbury; John J. Dillon, 29 Alaric street, West Roxbury; John F. Mulhern, 139 Cambridge street, Charlestown; Peter Salem, 63A Oak street, Boston; John A. May, 9 Alban street, Dorchester; William M. Lynch, 75 West Cottage street, Roxbury; James M. Burr, 4 Bulfinch place, Boston; Albert M. Harding, 50 Meridian street, East Boston; Henry L. Murphy, 151 Chelsea street, Charlestown; Herbert A. Barron, 45 Munroe street, Roxbury; John F. Shea, 4 Albemarle street, Boston; Frederick P. Sullivan, 65 Westland avenue, Boston; Vincenzo Musto, 3 Baldwin place, Boston; John F. Egan, 176 Ward street, Roxbury; John J. Linehan, 53 Hano street, Allston; Henry A. Kamp, 133 Thornton street, Roxbury.

Weigher of Goods: Charles M. Lampron, 186 Athens street, South Boston; Fred Johnson, 426 Meridian street, East Boston.

Weighers of Coal: Walter C. Coleman, 152 Larch road, Cambridge; John F. McKeon, 14 Mercer street, South Boston.

Severally laid over a week under the law.

EMPLOYMENT OF CITIZENS ON CONTRACT WORK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 30, 1930.
To the Honorable City Council.

Gentlemen,—In compliance with your order of January 20, 1930, I have instructed heads of de-

partments to strictly enforce the provisions of the ordinances requiring the employment of citizens on contract work with the city.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

VEHICLES USING EAST BOSTON FERRY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 3, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith submit to you report of the Commissioner of Public Works relative to the number of vehicles using the East Boston Ferry, which is in compliance with your order of January 13, 1930.

Respectfully yours,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department, January 27, 1930.
To the Honorable the Mayor.

I return order of the City Council, dated January 13, 1930, requesting the Commissioner of Public Works to keep a record of the number of vehicles using the East Boston Ferry since the increase in tolls and the amount of revenue received, etc.

The Division Engineer of the Bridge and Ferry Division has these records and will continue to keep them for such purpose as they may be needed.

Yours respectfully,
JAMES H. SULLIVAN,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

REPAVING GREEN STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 3, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith submit to you report of the Commissioner of Public Works relative to the repaving of Green street and removing of car tracks which is in reply to your order of January 13, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department, January 27, 1930.
To the Honorable the Mayor.

I return order of the City Council, dated January 13, 1930, requesting the removal of the tracks and the repaving of Green street, Ward 3.

The estimated cost of removing the tracks from Green street, from Bowdoin square to Chambers street, and laying recut granite block pavement on concrete base, resetting the edgestone and laying artificial stone sidewalks, is approximately \$11,400.

Yours respectfully,
JAMES H. SULLIVAN,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

BLEACHERS ON WILLIAM F. SMITH PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 3, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith submit to you report of the Park Commission relative to erecting bleachers on the William F. Smith Playground, Brighton, which is in reply to your order of January 20, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, January 27, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I have your memorandum of January 24, with inclosure, order from the City Council that the Park Commission be requested to erect bleachers on the William F. Smith Playground, Brighton district.

I regret exceedingly to inform you that there are no funds available to do this work. Bleachers to hold 1,000 people will cost \$10,000.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

Placed on file.

ENLARGING PLAYGROUND AT CHARLESTOWN HEIGHTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 3, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith submit to you report of the Park Commission relative to enlarging playground at Charlestown Heights which is in compliance with your order of January 20, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, January 27, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I have your memorandum of January 24, with inclosure, order from the City Council that the Park Commission be requested to make a survey of conditions at Charlestown Heights and to inform the City Council as to the amount of money that will be required to fill in the slope on the Medford street side for the purpose of enlarging the playground and installing an all-year-round swimming pool.

To build a retaining wall, do the necessary amount of filling, grading, etc., and to build an all-year-round swimming pool, inclosing same in building, would cost \$375,000.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

Placed on file.

REPAVING NORTH MEAD STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 3, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith submit to you report of the Commissioner of Public Works relative to repaving North Mead street which is in compliance with your order of January 20, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor

City of Boston,
Public Works Department, January 30, 1930.
To the Honorable the Mayor.

I return order of the City Council, dated January 20, requesting that North Mead street, Ward 2, be repaved with smooth pavement.

North Mead street was ordered accepted in 1929, but the order of the Street Commissioners failed to receive the approval of his Honor the Mayor. The street, therefore, is still private and outside the jurisdiction of the Public Works Department.

Yours respectfully,
JAMES H. SULLIVAN,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

CONVENIENCE STATION IN BRIGHTON TOWN HALL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 3, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith submit to you report of the Superintendent of Public Buildings relative to establishing a convenience station in the Brighton Town Hall, which is in reply to your order of January 20, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Buildings Department,
January 25, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—Replying to the inclosed order of the City Council that the Superintendent of Public

Buildings be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to establish a convenience station in the Brighton Old Town Hall, Ward 22, I respectfully report that this matter has been discussed for some time past during which I have investigated same thoroughly and had tentative sketch prepared. I estimate that the cost would be approximately \$15,000.

I do not feel this would be money well spent, as the building itself is very old and sooner or later will require considerable attention. Furthermore, there are toilets in this building that the public can have access to, the doors being open at all times and janitor service being provided.

However I will be glad to go into further detail if it is your desire.

Respectfully yours,
JOHN P. ENGLERT,
Superintendent of Public Buildings.

Placed on file.

APPROPRIATION FOR COMMERCIAL, INDUSTRIAL AND PUBLICITY BUREAU.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 1, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—The necessity for the creation of cooperation between a municipality and the commercial and industrial activities located therein is today recognized by the leading cities of the United States. To this policy may be traced any large measure of progress and success achieved by those cities which outrank in population, and in industry and commerce the City of Boston.

It is essential that if commercial and industrial progress and prosperity is to be achieved that steps be taken at the earliest possible date for the creation of a municipal agency that will serve as a contact bureau of cooperation between the municipality and the commercial and industrial establishments here located.

That this consummation, the necessity of which is accepted, may become a reality, I respectfully recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That a sum not in excess of \$25,000 be expended, under the direction of the Mayor, by the Commercial, Industrial and Publicity Bureau in the prosecution of its duties, said sum to be charged to the Reserve Fund, when made.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PURCHASE OF OLD RECORDS AND BOOKS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, January 31, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—One of the results of the general interest in the celebration of the tercentenary of the settlement of Boston has been the bringing to light of records, books and other publications of considerable historical interest.

While no doubt copies of many of the volumes to which attention has been drawn are preserved in the libraries of historical societies, and in the Boston Public Library, I think it advisable that a historical library as complete as possible should be established and maintained at City Hall, where it will be convenient for consultation by officials and inspection by visitors.

In furtherance of that purpose I recommend the passage of the accompanying order authorizing the expenditure of \$1,000.

Under the order the City Clerk will be in a position to acquire from time to time such publications as he may consider to be of historical value, to form the foundation of such a library.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the City Clerk be authorized to expend not more than one thousand dollars for the purchase of old records and books and other publications relating to the history of Boston and the settlement of New England; the amount so expended to be charged to the Reserve Fund.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

SALARY OF CORPORATION COUNSEL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 3, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—The Assistant Corporation Counsel at present receives a salary of \$7,500 per annum and in addition the sum of \$2,000 annually for services as attorney upon legal matters affecting the Boston Transit Department, or a total equivalent to \$500 annually in excess of the amount which, in conformity with section 5 of chapter 3 of the Revised Ordinances of 1925, is paid to the Corporation Counsel.

In view of the fact that the Corporation Counsel is charged with complete responsibility for the department of which he is head, it would appear proper that he be paid a salary at least in excess of that enjoyed by a subordinate official of the Law Department.

Accordingly I recommend the adoption by your honorable body of the accompanying amendment to the City Ordinances.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

An Ordinance Concerning the salary of the Corporation Counsel.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section 1. Section five of chapter three of the Revised Ordinances of 1925 is hereby amended in the clause establishing the salary of the corporation counsel by striking out the words "nine thousand" and inserting in place thereof the words "ten thousand."

Sec. 2. This ordinance shall take effect beginning with the first day of February, 1930.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

APPROPRIATION FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYMENT BUREAU.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 3, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—The Municipal Employment Bureau, which has functioned in a most helpful way for a period of eight years, will require for the balance of the fiscal year, for the conduct of departmental activities, a sum of \$25,000, and I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That a sum not in excess of \$25,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated to be expended by the Municipal Employment Bureau, under the direction of the Mayor, in the prosecution of its duties, said sum to be charged to the Reserve Fund, when made.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Harry Braverman, for compensation for damage to car by city team.

John W. Conley, for stone wall to be replaced at property at 170 Gardner street, West Roxbury.

Sam Cooper, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Florence avenue.

Luigi DeSisto, for compensation for damage to property at 151 Salem street, caused by backing up of sewage.

Elizabeth Dicks, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 101 Bennington street.

Mrs. DiTullio, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 46 Water street, Hyde Park.

Mrs. Ellen Donnelly, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Tremont street, at Scollay square.

William H. Donnelly, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Ethel Gilbert, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 2343 Washington street, Roxbury.

Agnes Hayes, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in E street, South Boston.

John C. Hoyt, for refund on license paid twice.

Gustave Hymoff, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

James F. Jesso, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Washington street, Roxbury.

Gerald S. Keough, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at 335 Huntington avenue.

Augustus P. Lambert, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Leo Marchetti, for compensation for injuries caused by city car.

Mrs. Helen L. Mudge, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 187 Columbus avenue.

Norman H. Mudge, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at 187 Columbus avenue.

Etta Ober, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Green street.

Mrs. Marion O'Kane, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Brighton and Commonwealth avenues.

Andrew K. Taylor, for compensation for damage to truck caused by an alleged defect in Farnsworth street.

Executive.

Petition for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement, viz.:

Mary Sullivan, East Boston High School, February 7.

STORAGE AND SALE OF GASOLINE.

Notice was received from the Board of Street Commissioners of hearing to be held on petition for storage and sale of gasoline on February 17, viz.:

Daniel R. McLean, 37-41 Warrenton street, Ward 3, 1,500 gallons.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

SIDEWALK ASSESSMENTS.

Communications were received from the Acting Commissioner of Public Works setting forth amount of assessments for construction of sidewalks on following streets and orders for the assessment thereof, viz.:

	Half Cost.
Hartwell street, Ward 12.....	\$231 92
Houghton street, Ward 16.....	1,296 98
Reedsdale street, Ward 21.....	1,199 94
Summit avenue, Ward 21.....	2,385 37
Camden street, Ward 9.....	684 89
Longwood avenue, Ward 4.....	885 97
Moreland street, Ward 12.....	275 83
Ashley street, Ward 10.....	459 76
Sorrento street, Ward 22.....	442 64
Cheney street, Ward 12.....	294 83

The orders were severally passed.

APPROVAL OF CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The constable's bond of Samuel Gordon, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, was received and approved.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Notices were received from the Mayor of the following appointments:

Edmund L. Dolan, Commissioner of Sinking Funds, as Acting City Treasurer.

Eugene C. Hultman, Building Commissioner, as Acting Fire Commissioner.

John J. O'Callaghan, Street Commissioner, as Acting Member of Board of Appeal.

Thomas J. Hurley, Street Commissioner, as Acting Commissioner of Public Works.

James P. Balfe, Chairman of Board of Trustees, Statistics Department, as Acting City Registrar.

William J. Casey, as Acting Commissioner, Soldiers' Relief Department.

Theodore C. Haffenreffer, 21 Brookside avenue, Jamaica Plain, Park Commissioner.
Severally placed on file.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS.

Notice was received of approval by the Commissioners of Civil Service of the following appointments:

Samuel Silverman, Corporation Counsel.
Eugene C. Hultman, Building Commissioner.
Mrs. Colin W. MacDonald, Election Commissioner.
William Spottiswoode, Sinking Funds Commissioner.
Severally placed on file.

RESIGNATION OF JOHN W. RETH.

Notice was received from the Mayor of acceptance of resignation of John W. Reth as Soldiers' Relief Commissioner.
Placed on file.

APPOINTMENTS OF SECOND ASSISTANT ASSESSORS.

Notice was received from the Assessing Department of the following appointments as Second Assistant Assessors:

Elizabeth R. White, 53 Clearway street.
James J. Gallagher, 147 Warren avenue.
Severally placed on file.

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

President LYNCH called up, under unfinished business, Nos. 1 and 2 on the calendar, viz.:

1. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor January 27, 1930, of Edward F. Leary, Frederick M. Grassie, Vincent J. Graham and George Pond, to be Weighers of Coal.

2. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor, January 27, 1930, of Patrick A. Kelly, Louis L. Alden, Walter D. Flynn, John S. Woods, Israel Spector, William J. Mitchell and John T. Thornell, to be Constables.

The question came on confirmation. Committee, Coun. Cox and Dowd. Whole number of ballots 14, yeas 14, and the appointments were confirmed.

PASSAGE OF LOAN ORDERS.

President LYNCH called up, under unfinished business, Nos. 3 to 12 on the calendar, viz.:

3. Ordered, That the sum of \$450,000 be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital, for Hospital Department, Sanatorium Division, New Buildings and Additions and Equipment and Furniture, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City to said amount.

On January 20, 1920, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 19, nays 0.

4. Ordered, That the sum of \$70,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital for New Medical Pavilion, Furnishing and Equipping, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City to said amount.

On January 20, 1920, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 20, nays 0.

5. Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 237 of the Acts of 1928 the sum of \$210,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital for Administration Building, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City to said amount.

On January 20, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 20, nays 0.

6. Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 237 of the Acts of 1928 the sum of \$210,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital for Administration Building, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City to said amount, the same to be issued outside the limit of indebtedness.

On January 20, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 20, nays 0.

7. Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 237 of the Acts of 1928 the sum of \$162,000 be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital for Children's Pavilion, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City to said amount.

On January 20, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 20, nays 0.

8. Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 237 of the Acts of 1928 the sum of \$162,000 be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital for Children's Pavilion, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City to said amount, the same to be issued outside the limit of indebtedness.

On January 20, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 20, nays 0.

9. Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 237 of the Acts of 1928 the sum of \$87,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital for Laundry Building, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City to said amount.

On January 20, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 20, nays 0.

10. Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 237 of the Acts of 1928 the sum of \$87,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital for Laundry Building, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City to said amount, the same to be issued outside the limit of indebtedness.

On January 20, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 20, nays 0.

11. Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 237 of the Acts of 1928 the sum of \$40,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital for South Department Buildings, Remodeling, et cetera, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston to said amount.

On January 20, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 20, nays 0.

12. Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 237 of the Acts of 1928 the sum of \$40,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital for South Department Buildings, Remodeling, et cetera, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston to said amount, the same to be issued outside the limit of indebtedness.

On January 20, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 20, nays 0.

The orders were severally given their second and final reading and passage, yeas 20, nays 0.

LAND FOR PLAYGROUND, WARD 17.

President LYNCH called up, under unfinished business, No. 13 on the calendar, viz.:

13. Ordered, That the sum of four thousand dollars be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Park Commissioners for the purchase of land for playground purposes in the vicinity of Dunbar avenue, Ward 17, Dorchester, and for

the construction of said playground, and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be, and he hereby is, authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston to said amount.

On January 20, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 20, nays 0.

The order was given its second and final reading and passage, yeas 20, nays 0.

ENLARGEMENT OF STANLEY RINGER PLAYGROUND.

President LYNCH called up, under unfinished business, No. 14 on the calendar, viz.:

14. Ordered, That the sum of fifty thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commission for the enlarging of the Stanley Ringer Playground, Ward 21, by removing seventy-five feet of ledge on said playground, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

On January 20, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 19, nays 0.

The order was given its second and final reading and passage, yeas 20, nays 0.

TERMINATION OF AIRPORT DEVELOPMENT LEASE.

President LYNCH called up, under unfinished business, No. 15 on the calendar, viz.:

15. Whereas, By indenture made September 24, 1926, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts leased to the Airport Development Company, a Massachusetts corporation, a certain parcel of land situate in East Boston in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and more fully described in said lease; and

Whereas, By lease dated August 10, 1928, the said Commonwealth of Massachusetts leased to the City of Boston certain premises for use as an airport situate in said East Boston and more fully described in said lease, which premises included the premises leased as aforesaid to the Airport Development Company; and

Whereas, The said lease from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to the City of Boston was made subject to the rights of the Airport Development Company and the said lease between the Commonwealth and the Airport Development Company was assigned to the City of Boston; and

Whereas, It is expedient for the proper and necessary development of said airport that the said lease to the Airport Development Company be canceled and terminated;

Now, therefore, it is Ordered, That the Park Department be, and it is hereby, authorized in the name and behalf of the City of Boston to cancel and terminate said lease from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to the Airport Development Company; and it is further authorized to pay as damages on account of the cancellation of said lease and the consequent damage to property thereby a sum not exceeding \$15,000, to be charged to the appropriation for airport improvements.

On January 20, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 21, nays 0.

The order was given its second and final reading and passage, yeas 20, nays 0.

RELEASE OF RESTRICTIONS ON CONCORD STREET LAND.

President LYNCH called up, under unfinished business, No. 16 on the calendar, viz.:

16. Whereas, By deed dated July 25, 1871, recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Lib. 1142, folio 201, the City of Boston, in consideration of \$30,000, conveyed to the Association for the Protection of Destitute Catholic Children in Boston about 40,000 square feet of city land, situate on Concord street, Stoughton street and Harrison avenue in said Boston; and

Whereas, The said deed contained among several conditions the following two conditions, namely,

No. 2. "The land is to be used as a home for orphans and destitute children and for no other purpose."

No. 4. The said "Association may release themselves from the two next preceding conditions numbered two and three, at any time before a breach of them or either of them, by paying to the said City of Boston a sum equal to seventy-five cents for each square foot of said land and interest on said sum from the date hereof; but in case of such release the said association and its assigns shall thereafter hold the said land upon and only upon the following conditions."

and

Whereas, By deed dated January 26, 1876, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 1313, page 22, the City of Boston, in consideration of \$5,006.25, conveyed to the Association for the Protection of Destitute Catholic Children in Boston about 10,012 and 5-10 square feet of city land, situate on Concord street, Stoughton street and Harrison avenue in said Boston; and

Whereas, The last mentioned deed contained among several conditions the following, which is numbered Condition 2:

"It shall be used for no other purpose than a home for orphan and destitute children, unless at any time the owners of the said land for the time being shall pay to the city a sum equal to seventy-five cents for each square foot of said land, in which case the said land may thereafter be used for dwelling houses, subject to the following restrictions."

and

Whereas, By an indenture dated November 30, 1876, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 1360, folio 105, it was agreed by and between said association and the City of Boston that the conditions of the above two deeds should be released upon the covenant of the said association to hold this said land subject to the following restrictions:

"It shall be used for no other purpose than a home for orphan and destitute children, unless at any time the owners of the said land for the time being shall pay to the city a sum equal to seventy-five cents for each square foot of said land, in which case the said land may thereafter be used for dwelling houses, subject to the following restrictions."

and

Whereas, The said association is desirous that the above referred to restrictions be released,

Now, therefore, it is hereby Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized in the name and behalf of the said City of Boston, by a release satisfactory in form to the Law Department of the City of Boston, to release the above mentioned restriction upon the payment to the said City of Boston by said association of the sum of one dollar.

On January 20, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 21, nays 0.

The order was given its second and final reading and passage, yeas 20, nays 0.

FINANCE REPORTS.

Coun. DONOVAN, for the Committee on Finance, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred January 27) appropriating \$350,000, to be expended under the direction of the Public Works Commissioner for new ferryboat—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed, yeas 19, nays 0.

2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred January 13) for appropriation of \$150,000 for the resurfacing of Bunker Hill street—recommending the passage of the order in the accompanying new draft, viz.:

Ordered, That the sum of \$100,000 be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, for the resurfacing of Bunker Hill street, Ward 2, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

The report was accepted, and the question came on the passage of the order.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, I might say before we vote on this order that, with the agreement of Councilor Green, your Committee on

Finance amended the order to read \$100,000 instead of \$150,000, due to the fact that the Commissioner of Public Works said that the work could be done for \$100,000. As I say, Councilor Green was in favor of amending it.

The order was passed, yeas 21, nays 0.

CLAIMS.

Coun. BUSH, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following:

1. Report on petition of W. M. Dundon (referred January 13) for reimbursement for judgment against him—recommending the accompanying order.

Ordered, That the sum of two hundred dollars be allowed and paid to W. M. Dundon in reimbursement for the amount of a judgment against him on account of his acts as a member of the Boston Fire Department, said sum to be charged to the Reserve Fund.

Report accepted; order passed.

PAYMENT TO ESTATE OF NELLIE LONG.

Coun. FITZGERALD offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston hereby favors the enactment of legislation authorizing the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the estate of Nellie Long.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RANDOLPH STREET PLAYGROUND.

Coun. FITZGERALD offered the following:

Ordered, That the sum of five thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commission, for filling, grading, etc., of the Randolph Street Playground, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

PROPOSED STREET IMPROVEMENTS, WEST ROXBURY.

Coun. COX offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Edgemere road, Ward 20, from Washington street to Hyde Park boundary line, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Washington Heights avenue, Ward 20, from Washington street to Cowan avenue, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Alarie street, Ward 20, from Centre street to Spring street, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Orange street, Ward 20, from Cornell street to Parkway, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Whiting street, Ward 20, from Baker street to Gardner street, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Lasell street, Ward 20, the entire length, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Sanborn avenue, from Tarleton road to Baker street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor,

to accept and lay out Preston road, Ward 20, from Pleasant street to Chapin avenue, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Pleasant street, Ward 20, from La Grange street to Mt. Vernon street, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Winslow street, Ward 20, from La Grange street to Dent street, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Fender street from La Grange street to Dent street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Amherst street, Ward 20, from Dudley avenue to Albano street, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Dudley avenue, Ward 20, the entire length, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Colberg avenue, Ward 20, from Beech street to Parkway, as a public highway. Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

TIME FOR CITY HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES.

Coun. GLEASON offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Hospital Trustees be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to allow wardmaids and helpers employed at the Hospital, Sundays and holidays off without loss of pay.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

WARD 9 STREET IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. GLEASON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Pelham street, Ward 9.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Rutland street, Ward 9.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

BRANCH LIBRARY, SAVIN HILL SECTION.

Coun. McGRATH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Trustees of the Boston Public Library be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to establish and maintain a branch library in the Savin Hill section of Dorchester.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ARC LAMP, WARD 13.

Coun. McGRATH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an electric arc lamp at the corner of Dorchester avenue and Doris street, Ward 13.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

WIDENING OF RUTHERFORD AVENUE.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide for the widening of Rutherford avenue, Ward 2, to a width of one hundred feet.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

BY-PASS BY PRISON POINT BRIDGE.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Planning Board be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to consider the feasibility of a by-pass route from the vicinity of Adams street, at Chelsea street, to the Prison Point Bridge.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ARC LAMPS, WARD 14.

Coun. RUBY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an electric lamp at the corner of Wellington Hill street and Blue Hill avenue, Ward 14.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an electric arc lamp at the corner of Stratton street and Blue Hill avenue, Ward 14, on the Franklin Field side.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

ACCEPTANCE OF OAK TERRACE.

Coun. RUBY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept Oak terrace, Ward 14, as a public highway.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPAVING OF BRAGDON STREET.

Coun. ENGLERT offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Bragdon street, Ward 11.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

BRANCH LIBRARY, EGGLESTON SQUARE.

Coun. ENGLERT offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Trustees of the Boston Public Library be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to establish and maintain a branch library in the Eggleston Square section of Roxbury.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

WARD 21 IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. HEIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept as a public highway Nantasket avenue, from Washington street to Union street, Ward 21.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept as a public highway LaRose place, from Monastery road to Nantasket avenue, Ward 21.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept as a public highway Egremont road, from Cummings street to Washington street, Ward 21.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept as a public highway Lawrence avenue, from Allston street to Commonwealth avenue, Ward 21.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Warren street, from Commonwealth avenue to the Brookline line, Ward 21.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

LOCKER BUILDING, WARD 21.

Coun. HEIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the sum of fifty thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commission for the construction of a locker building and shower baths on the Chestnut Hill Playground, Ward 21, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

RESURFACING OF KEMPTON STREET.

Coun. POWER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Kempton street, Ward 10.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

BAKER PARK, WARD 8.

Coun. DOWD offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept Baker park, Ward 8, as a public highway.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

WARD 18 IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. NORTON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Huntington avenue, Ward 18, from the old Boston line to Canterbury street, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Newburn street, Ward 18, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Richards avenue, Ward 18, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Weybosset street, Ward 18, as a public highway.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

The Council voted, on motion of Coun. KELLY, at 3.04 p. m., to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by President LYNCH at 4.48 p. m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. MAHONEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on petition (referred today) for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement, viz.:

Mary Sullivan, East Boston High School, February 7,—that license be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on the usual conditions.

2. Petition of Boston National League Baseball Company for renewal of license for Sunday sports at Braves Field (referred October 7)—that license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on usual conditions.

3. Report on order (referred January 20) that annuity of \$600 be paid to widow of James J. Troy, late member of Boston Police Department—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

4. Reports on messages of Mayor and orders (referred today) recommending appropriation of the following amounts, viz.:

\$25,000, to be expended by Municipal Employment Bureau.

\$25,000, to be expended by Commercial, Industrial and Publicity Bureau.

\$1,000, to be expended by the City Clerk for purchase of old records and books and other publications relating to history of Boston and settlement of New England.

Reports severally accepted; said orders passed, yeas 20, nays 0.

SIDEWALK ON LEXINGTON AVENUE.

Coun. NORTON offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Lexington avenue, both sides, Ward 18, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

BOND OF BOSTON NATIONAL LEAGUE BASEBALL COMPANY.

The bond of the Boston National League Baseball Company, to cover possible injuries in baseball park, in the total sum of \$100,000, was received.

The question came on the approval of the bond.
Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I should like to be assured that at least the clerk has seen this or somebody has seen it before we vote on it, so that we may know it is all right.

President LYNCH—The clerk informs me that the bond insures the Boston National League Baseball Company, and is issued by a recognized bonding company.

The bond was approved by the Council.

AMOUNT EXPENDED FOR TERCENTENARY CELEBRATION.

Coun. HEIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Director of Public Celebrations be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to submit to the City Council a report as to the amount of money expended by his department in connection with the coming Boston Tercentenary celebration.

Coun. HEIN—Mr. President, I understand that there was a considerable sum of money appropriated last year for this particular celebration, and spent outside the city, for publicity purposes, and so far I don't think the City Council knows anything at all about how it has been spent. So I would like to have a report as to how the money has been expended, so that we may get some line on what has been done, and whether the committee has functioned or not.

Coun. RUBY—Mr. President, I don't think we ought to be precipitate in voting for this order. As I understand it, \$25,000 was appropriated sometime last year for this committee, and, if I am correctly informed, only \$4,000 of that \$25,000 was spent, and the balance was turned back to the City of Boston from the Tercentenary Committee by the Hon. A. C. Ratschesky, chairman of the com-

mittee. I think I read in the newspapers a short time ago about how Mr. Ratschesky was complimented on his turning back of that \$21,000. If \$4,000 has been spent for publicity, newspaper or otherwise, inside or outside Boston and the Commonwealth, of course there will be a report in regard to that, and we know that his Honor the Mayor has just appointed the chairman of the Tercentenary Committee this year, which we have every reason to believe will be a properly functioning committee, because of the dynamic man who has been placed at its head in the person of John F. Fitzgerald, former Mayor of Boston. I think, judging from the action taken last Friday, at the Old South Meeting House, we should be satisfied that everything will go along in a proper and progressive way. I do believe, however, that this is not the time to request the present Mayor of Boston to have a report made in regard to the \$25,000 appropriated last year, because as I say, \$21,000 has been turned back, and I believe that when the money has been spent, together with the further sums that will be authorized from time to time, a proper report will be made by the proper authorities. I do think that there is no need for the passage of this order offered by the councillor from Ward 21 at the present time.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I think the order offered by the gentleman from Ward 21 should perhaps pass at this time. I am glad to hear, authentically or otherwise, that Mr. Ratschesky was able to return to the coffers of the city at least \$21,000 out of the \$25,000, and, knowing something of what has been done with money appropriated for past conventions, I think he deserves some credit. He must have had a tough job to be able to return the \$21,000 out of the \$25,000 with that particular outfit. I would like to know how much of the \$25,000 is still available—whether Mr. Ratschesky, with the difficulties he must have encountered, was really able to keep the \$21,000 intact for this administration. If so, we may as well have the facts, together with other expenditures so far as the Tercentenary Committee is concerned, and may also be able to find out what progress has been made since the new administration coming in the first part of January this year. For that reason, I favor the order; I believe we should know what the money has been spent on, and for whom.

Coun. HEIN—Mr. President, it was not my idea to reflect on anybody. But I do think that we should know, if only \$4,000 was expended, how it was spent, and what was done with the other \$21,000. If the committee did not function, there is no question in my mind that the committee that the present Mayor will appoint will function, and will be able to use whatever money is available to good advantage. So I should like to know what was done with the money appropriated last year, as well as getting information in regard to what is done with the money appropriated this year.

Coun. BUSH—While I feel that the order will not serve any useful purpose, at the same time, when a member of the Council desires information about funds that have been appropriated for certain purposes, I think, as an elected representative of the citizens of Boston, he is entitled to the information. This is an order looking to the discovery of facts, and, as such, I think it should pass.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

Adjourned, at 3.59 p. m., to meet on Monday, February 10, 1930, at 2 p. m.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, February 10, 1930.

Regular meeting of the City Council in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President LYNCH in the chair and all the members present.

President LYNCH called Coun. DOWD to the chair.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council the Mayor submitted appointments, for the term ending April 30, 1930, as follows, viz.:

Constables: Harris Hirshberg, 45 Monmouth street, East Boston; Henry G. Dahlquist, 1743 Dorchester avenue, Dorchester; Lewis R. Cohen, 76 Day street, Roxbury; Joseph M. Goode, 7 North Monroe terrace, Dorchester; John H. Glennon, 6 Varick street, West Roxbury.

Weigher of Goods: Everett H. Pert, 232 Main street, Everett.

Weigher of Beef: Joseph B. Corbett, 175 Heath street, Roxbury.

Weigher of Coal: Vinal Cooke, 476 Atlantic avenue, Boston.

Severally laid over a week under the law.

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC CELEBRATIONS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 10, 1930.
To the Honorable City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit report from J. Philip O'Connell, Director of Public Celebrations, which is in reply to your order of February 3, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Office of Director of Public Celebrations,
February 8, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—In accordance with the order of the City Council, dated February 3, 1930, I respectfully submit the following:

The amount of money expended to date from the Reserve Fund on account of the Tercentenary Observance of the Settlement of Boston, under order of the City Council, approved by the Mayor, July 17, 1929, is \$2,137.

This amount incurred by the previous administration was for preliminary drawings of newspaper advertisements, made up of art work and composition, and was paid as follows:

To Wood, Putnam & Wood Company..	\$1,132
Glasser & Marks.....	1,005
	<u>\$2,137</u>

Respectfully yours,
J. PHILIP O'CONNELL,
Director of Public Celebrations.

Placed on file.

AVIATION MEMORIAL COMMITTEE TABLETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 10, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the inclosed communications submitted by the chairman of the Park Commission and by the Aviation Memorial Committee and respectfully recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Law Department, January 27, 1930.
William P. Long, Esq.,
Chairman, Park Department.

Dear Sir,—In reply to your inquiry of January 22, 1930, in which you request information as to what measures are necessary for the Aviation Memorial Committee to erect certain memorials at the Administration Building at its expense, and which the City of Boston would take over, and the desire of the said committee to turn over the balance of cash which they have on hand to the City of Boston be advised as follows:

It will be necessary that an order be adopted by the City Council and approved by his Honor the Mayor before the gifts can be accepted. It will then be necessary to comply with the provisions of chapter 410 of the Acts of 1898, as amended by chapter 87 of the Special Acts of 1919, which provides as follows:

Section 3. "The board shall have the custody and care of all works of art owned by the city and heretofore under the control of any department thereof. No work of art shall become the property of the city by purchase, gift or otherwise, until it, or a design or model thereof, and the situation proposed therefor shall have been approved by the board, and no work of art, until approved by the board, shall be erected or placed in, over or upon, or allowed to extend in, over or upon any street, avenue, square, park or other property belonging to the city. The board may, with the approval of the mayor, order the removal, relocation or alteration of any existing work of art owned by the city, and no such work of art shall be removed, relocated or altered without such order and approval. The board shall, at the request of the mayor, study, consider and report upon the design of any municipal building, bridge, approach, fence or other structure erected or to be erected upon land belonging to the city, and upon the design of any arch, bridge, structure or approach which is the property of any person, firm, or corporation, and extends in, over or upon any street, avenue, highway, park or public place."

Section 4. "The term 'work of art,' as used in this act, shall apply to and include all paintings, mural decorations, statues, bas-reliefs, sculptures, monuments, fountains, arches, ornamental gateways and other structures of a permanent character intended for ornament or commemoration."

I am inclosing herewith an order to carry your suggestion into effect. If this order is adopted by the City Council and approved by his Honor the Mayor, then the subject matter as far as it relates to the memorial should be referred to the Art Commission for their approval.

Very truly yours,
FRANK S. DELAND,
Corporation Counsel.

Aviation Memorial Committee.
Boston, January 4, 1930.

William P. Long,
Park Commissioner.

Dear Sir,—The Aviation Memorial Committee has contracted with John Evans & Co., Inc., under terms outlined in my letter to Arthur A. Evans, copy inclosed, to erect, at the Memorial Administration Building, Boston Airport, tablets in the place designated by William D. Austin, architect, and according to his drawings. We wish to present this memorial to the city and desire your acceptance of it for them and your agreement to have it in your care as long as the Airport shall remain under your jurisdiction.

The balance of the fund raised by the Aviation Memorial Committee is on deposit at the State Street Trust Company and is available for the city's use to be spent in payment of the cost of the memorial portico, or part thereof, or for other memorial features of the building designated by the city.

Very truly yours,
MAJOR ROBERT F. RAYMOND, JR.

Whereas, The Aviation Memorial Committee has collected by public subscription certain sums of money for the purpose of erecting a memorial in the form of tablets on the Administration Building at the Boston Airport; and

Whereas, The said committee has contracted for the purchase of said tablets, and now finds a balance in excess of said purchase price; and

Whereas, The said committee desires to present to the City of Boston the said tablets, together with such balance as now remains in their possession;

Now, therefore, it is Ordered, That subject to the provisions of chapter 410 of the Acts of 1898 as amended by chapter 87 of the Special Acts of 1919, the said tablets and remaining money be, and hereby are, accepted.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

FIRE HOUSE, ALLSTON.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 10, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith submit to you report from the Superintendent of Public Buildings relative to leasing the old fire house on Chestnut Hill avenue, Allston, to the Allston Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, which is in reply to your order of January 27, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Office of Public Buildings Department,
February 5, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—Replying to the inclosed order of the City Council in which the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to arrange a lease with the Allston Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, at a nominal rental the old fire house on Chestnut Hill avenue, I respectfully state that I would suggest that same be held in abeyance until such time as the city knows what disposition is to be made of the property.

I have already had a request from the School-house Department to the effect that the Superintendent of Schools is desirous of obtaining the use of this building for military drill for the boys and physical exercises for the girls in the district. I am inclosing a copy of Mr. Rourke's letter.

Respectfully yours,
JOHN P. ENGLETT,
Superintendent of Public Buildings.

City of Boston,
Department of School Buildings,
February 3, 1930.

Mr. John P. Englett, Commissioner, Public Buildings Department.

Dear Sir,—The Superintendent of Schools is desirous of obtaining the use of the old engine house at the intersection of Academy Hill road and Chestnut Hill avenue for school purposes. The building has been investigated and will serve the purposes for which he requires it, namely, military drill for boys and physical exercises for girls.

Very truly yours,
L. K. ROURKE,
Superintendent.

Placed on file.

SALE OF LAND, FANEUIL STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 4, 1930.
To the Honorable the City Council.

Gentlemen,—Inclosed find order wherein the City of Boston conveys certain land situate on Faneuil street in Brighton to the Florence Crittenton League of Compassion and wherein the said League, as a condition precedent to the making of said conveyance, is required to deliver to the City of Boston an instrument in writing wherein the said League agrees to waive all damages and to hold the City of Boston harmless against all claims for damages when and if the City of Boston lays out Faneuil street in Brighton as a public street of the City of Boston.

There was a taking made to widen and relocate Faneuil street and filed in the Suffolk Registry of the Land Court September 9, 1919. This taking was never perfected, however, as no entry was ever made for construction. By deed dated January 5, 1921, Mr. W. Stanley Tripp of Boston signed and delivered to the City of Boston a deed which purported to convey to the City of Boston a strip of land to be used in the widening of said

Faneuil street. The city paid nothing for this deed. Mr. Tripp, however, was the owner of only a portion of the land and he was the only one who signed the deed. It will be seen, therefore, that the city has no claim upon any portion of said strip except that strip that was owned by the said W. Stanley Tripp. This deed was not recorded upon the proper side of the court, namely, the Land Court's side, so that it was not binding except between the parties to the deed and those who had actual notice of the transaction.

It will be seen from the above mentioned facts that the City of Boston owns this isolated piece of land which is not being used for anything at the present time and which may become a source of trouble to the city in that the city is charged with the care of it.

The Florence Crittenton League of Compassion, a Massachusetts corporation, owns the land abutting upon the said strip and is desirous of having an entrance from their land to the highway. It is necessary for the said League to go over the said strip of land which the said W. Stanley Tripp deeded to the city to reach the highway.

I am informed that the purpose of the Florence Crittenton League of Compassion is caring for wayward girls.

I recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Whereas, By an instrument of taking dated September 19, 1919, recorded with Suffolk Registry District of the Land Court as Document No. 32447 and filed with Certificate of Title numbered 7787, the City of Boston laid out Faneuil street, as described in said instrument; and

Whereas, W. Stanley Tripp of Boston conveyed to the said City of Boston a strip of land included in said taking by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 4271, page 311, being a portion of the premises described in said deed; and

Whereas, The said taking has not been completed by an entry upon the said land taken for the purpose of construction; and

Whereas, The Florence Crittenton League of Compassion, a Massachusetts corporation, is the owner of adjacent premises and is desirous of having access to said Faneuil street over the said strip of land conveyed as aforesaid to the said City of Boston by the said W. Stanley Tripp;

It is hereby Ordered, That upon the conveyance to the City of Boston by a confirmatory deed satisfactory in form to the Law Department of the City of Boston, of that portion of the premises above mentioned which were owned by W. Stanley Tripp of Boston at the date and delivery of said deed to the said City of Boston, his Honor the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized in the name and behalf of the City of Boston to grant all its right, title and interest in and to the premises conveyed to it as aforesaid by the said W. Stanley Tripp to the said Florence Crittenton League of Compassion.

The premises to be conveyed as aforesaid to the said Florence Crittenton League of Compassion are bounded and described as follows:

Easterly by land supposed to belong now or formerly to White, twenty-four and 13-100 feet; southeasterly by the northwesterly line of Faneuil street, four hundred sixty-five and 42-100 feet; westerly by land supposed to be now or formerly of Brogie, thirteen and 71-100 feet; and northwesterly by land now or formerly of the Florence Crittenton League of Compassion, four hundred sixty-four and 78-100 feet, and being lot F on a subdivision plan numbered 134-J, drawn by C. B. Humphrey, surveyor for the Land Court, dated July 25, 1919, and filed with Certificate of Title No. 10911 in the Registry District of the Land Court for Suffolk County, and being a portion of the premises described in Certificate 7787, Book 34, page 187, in said Registry District.

And it is hereby further Ordered, That as a condition precedent to said conveyance by the City of Boston to the said Florence Crittenton League of Compassion the said League shall deliver to the said City of Boston an instrument in writing satisfactory in form to the Law Department of the said City of Boston wherein the said League agrees for itself, and its successors and assigns to waive all claims for damages, and to hold the said City of Boston harmless from all claims for damages caused by or in any way growing out of any laying out or widening of said Faneuil street as a public street of the City

of Boston, over any portion of the premises to be conveyed to said league by this order when and if the said City of Boston shall widen and lay out said Faneuil street as a public highway of said City of Boston, and wherein the said League agrees that said agreement shall be made a part of any conveyance to the said League under the authority of this order, and wherein the said League agrees that the said agreement shall be a covenant that will run with the land.

Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

TERCENTENARY MEMORIAL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, February 10, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—The City of Boston is extremely fortunate in the opportunity that is presented through the vision and sacrifice of the Commission on the Marking of Historical Sites in that it will be possible to observe, even though in a modest way, the founding of Boston.

This commission in conjunction with a former member of the Park Commission and a pupil of the sculptor Saint Gaudens have submitted sketches for a suitable memorial to commemorate the tercentenary of the founding of Boston. This memorial is to take the form of a drinking fountain and is to be located on the Common about opposite 50 Beacon street, and if practicable is to be piped from the spring which was used by William Blackstone, the first settler in Boston.

It has received the approval of the Art Commission and that it may be completed in time for unveiling and dedication upon Boston Day, September 17th of the present year, I respectfully recommend to your honorable body the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the sum of \$45,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated to be expended under the direction of the Park Commissioners, for the erection of a Tercentenary Memorial, gateway, et cetera, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

PURCHASE OF LAND NEAR LEVERETT AND NASHUA STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, February 10, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—The improvement of Charles street through widening to a width of one hundred and twenty feet makes necessary the taking of a large portion of the recreation park land commonly known as Charlesbank Gymnasium. The improvement contemplated represents the contribution by the City of Boston of the Charles River Embankment improvement which was in a large measure made possible through the contribution of \$1,000,000 by the widow of a former member of the City Council, the late James J. Storrow.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts in conjunction with the Leverett and Nashua Street Development purchased from the Boston & Maine Railroad approximately 86,000 feet of land. At a conference at which were present His Excellency Governor Frank G. Allen, the State Treasurer, the State Highway Commissioners, his Honor James M. Curley, the Corporation Counsel and the auditor of the City of Boston, an agreement was arrived at with reference to the amount to be paid by the City of Boston for the land purchased by the Commonwealth from the Boston & Maine Railroad. It was agreed that in consideration of the construction at a cost of \$35,000 of certain streets in the industrial section of state-owned land in the vicinity of Summer street and the payment of \$25,000 that title to the land would be conveyed to the City of Boston. In the event that the City Council are in agreement it is my purpose to later provide sufficient funds for the establishment of suitable bathing facilities in conjunction with the park development created upon this land. The

section in question where the land is located is the most congested center of the city and I early recommend the early adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That under the provisions of section 2, chapter 371, of the Acts of 1929, the sum of \$25,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated to be expended by the Park Commissioners for the purchase of land from the state in the vicinity of Leverett and Nashua streets, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

IMPROVEMENTS, WEBSTER AVENUE PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, February 10, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—With a view to the conservation of health a program was started some ten years ago the purpose of which was to rid the city of at least one acre of unsightly, unhealthful, unwholesome disease-breeding tenement property. It was my belief at that time, and I have had no occasion to change that opinion, that this policy, rigidly adhered to for a period of twenty-five years, would remove twenty-five acres of possible sources of contagion and death.

Unfortunately my views in the matter seemingly have not appealed with sufficient force to my successors. Consequently the program has suffered abandonment with the exception of expending the money provided by me for the taking of land and with no action upon the question of development for public use.

A sum sufficient was provided in 1925 for the taking of land and for the establishment of a mothers' and children's oasis of a health-breeding small park in the most congested section of the North End. I find upon examination that the entire sum was expended in land-taking and legal settlements and that no money is now available for the carrying out of the purpose for which the money was originally appropriated.

I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the sum of \$40,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated to be expended under the direction of the Park Commissioners, for Webster Avenue Playground, Improvements, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, perhaps I was not paying attention, but in regard to what park was it that the last administration violated the law with regard to having at least a third of the appropriation used for construction? Where was it located?

Chairman DOWD—Webster Avenue Playground, North End.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

SALE OF POLICE STATION, NO. 8.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, February 10, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—The property formerly utilized by the City of Boston as Police Station 8, and located upon Commercial street, is in such condition as to make it no longer desirable for use for any municipal purpose, and I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the property of the City of Boston, located at Commercial and Battery streets, and formerly in use by the Police Depart-

ment as Station No. 8, the assessed valuation of the land being \$5.50 per foot, and the building \$1,000, the area of which is 5,323 square feet, be sold at public auction at an upset price equal to the land value, which is \$29,000.

Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

APPROPRIATION FOR NEW FIREBOAT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 5, 1930.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen,—I beg to submit herewith report of the Fire Commissioner, based on investigations of Professor Owens of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and of Francis Minot, naval architect and engineer, with reference to the condition of the fireboats in the service of the city.

From what I have been able to ascertain the best character of protection to the waterfront, or the property located in the vicinity of the waterfront, is a modern fireboat and, in view of the condition of the fireboats now in use and the length of time they have been in service, the recommendation of the Fire Commissioner that the city construct one each year for a period of three years is worthy of immediate consideration and action.

I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Fire Department, January 30, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I return herewith communications, addressed to your Honor, from Mr. Francis Minot, naval architect, concerning the condition of the fireboats in the service of the Fire Department of the City of Boston.

For some time past the fireboats have caused the officials of the Fire Department grave concern and it has been only because of that fact that it has been possible to keep the boats afloat and out of consideration of the large expense necessary to replace them that no recommendations have been made up to the present time for new boats. The three boats are in such a condition that it would even be difficult to recommend the order in which they should be replaced if it was decided to replace them one at a time.

Engine 31 is a small boat with one pump and a capacity of 3,000 gallons per minute. The boat was put in service in 1914, but the engines were second-hand. Engine 44 has two sets of pumps and a capacity of 6,000 gallons per minute. This boat was put in service in 1895. Engine 47 has two pumps and a capacity of 6,000 gallons per minute. The boat was put in service in 1909.

Each year it is necessary to take the boats out of service for inspection by the United States Steamboat Inspectors before the licenses are renewed for their operation. As a result of these inspections it has been found necessary to make extensive repairs to the boats each year, the amount of the repairs being gradually on the increase.

I submit below a table of the amount of money expended for repairs on the three boats during the last three years.

	Outside Contractors.	Department Mechanics.
1927.....	\$10,104 86	\$4,207 95
1928.....	12,595 78	1,901 47
1929.....	26,922 39	1,151 23
	\$49,623 03	\$8,260 65

Total, 3 years, \$57,883.68.

The boats are antiquated and out of date although every effort has been made to keep them in first-class condition.

I am of the opinion that either an appropriation should be provided for the purchase of one new boat each year for three years or an appropriation

be provided to employ a naval architect to work in conjunction with the officials of this department in making a study in the preparation of plans for new boats to meet the requirements of the City of Boston.

A special study has already been made of Fireboat Engine 31, a report of which is as follows:

In connection with the appropriation for the Fire Department for the year 1930 I desire to call attention to the serious necessity for replacing Fireboat Engine 31. The present boat was built in 1910-11. The hull is of wood with an iron deck house. It is equipped with a single Babcock and Wilcox boiler and the main engines are two Brown and Miller compounds, originally built for old Engine 31 and removed when it was taken out of service. For fire purposes there is a piston pump of 3,000 gallons per minute capacity. From 1925-29 this department has spent \$28,-141.89 for repairs.

There is some question at the present time as to the condition of the hull. Recently an order was given for repairing or renewing three frames, three wales and the ceiling and coal bunkers. When the old wood was torn out it was discovered that twenty-five frames were badly rotted and the entire ceiling in the way of bunkers together with clamps would have to be renewed.

With the exception of three frames, the entire section from the forward fire room bulkhead to the forward end of the water tanks in the engine room has been renewed. No attempt was made to go forward in the fire room bulkhead or aft to stern of the forward end of water tanks.

There is every reason to suppose that the frames and ceilings between engine room bulkheads are in the same general condition as those in the fire room and in way of bunkers. If the present boat is continued in service during the next three or four years it will undoubtedly be necessary to do work of this kind. When this does become necessary it will be a very costly proposition since it will require the moving of the water tanks and considerable machinery. The tanks would probably have to be replaced because they will almost certainly develop leaks. All steam and water pipes in way of repairs would have to be removed.

Forward of the fire room bulkhead where recent repairs stop, there will be found the same condition as was found during the recent work since there was positive evidence of this when the bulkhead was removed. Decay was also found in the planking in several places.

The boiler is now over eighteen years old and has caused considerable trouble. During the past two years it has been necessary to replace eighteen tubes and there was every evidence to expect that it would soon be necessary to replace the boiler because of age. The ordinary life of a boiler of this type is from twelve to fifteen years.

The engines of the compound type were built for old Engine 31 to operate on 120 pounds steam pressure and now operate on 160 pounds pressure and the cylinders have been rebored from 10½ inches to 11 inches. It is only because of the constant supervision of the engineering force of the boat and prompt attention to defects that the steam plant is kept in its present state of efficiency.

The fire pump being of the direct expansion type requires three men in the fire room to supply steam for capacity operation.

In my opinion the maintenance cost of the present Engine 31 during the next five years would reach a figure out of all proportion of the value of the boat as an efficient unit of waterfront protective service. Despite any amount of money expended for renovation, we would still have a boat depending on one boiler and one pump to keep it in service.

Yours very truly,
E. C. HULTMAN,
Acting Fire Commissioner

Ordered, That the sum of \$350,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated to be expended under the direction of the Fire Commissioner, for new fireboat, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

GIFT TO LONG ISLAND HOSPITAL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 6, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—Under the provisions of the will of the late Samuel Hirschberg, a citizen of Boston, a gift of \$300 is made to the Long Island Hospital of the City of Boston.

It will be necessary for the City Council to adopt an order accepting the same before the gift can become the property of the city. There are no restrictions with reference to the use of this money, the will simply providing that it be used by the Institutions Department for the Long Island Hospital.

I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the City of Boston accepts the gift of three hundred dollars made to the City of Boston for the benefit of the Long Island Hospital under the will of the late Samuel Hirschberg of Boston.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

LOAN FOR EAST BOSTON COURTHOUSE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 4, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—To relieve overcrowding and to provide adequate accommodations for the East Boston Courthouse and Police Division 7 building an appropriation was made in 1925 sufficient to cover the taking of land and the drafting of plans by the architect. To the present time nothing further has been done in the matter and conditions have steadily grown more intolerable.

At a conference at which were present the Superintendent of Public Buildings, the judges of the East Boston Court, the Police Commissioner, Police Captain and architect, it was estimated that \$250,000 additional would be necessary to cover the cost of court accommodations and \$25,000 additional to provide needed space for the housing of men, automobiles and motorcycles.

That the needed accommodations so necessary and so long delayed may be provided I respectfully recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the sum of \$275,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated to be expended under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Buildings, for East Boston Courthouse and Police Station 7, Alterations and New Building, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

SALE OF LAND, CHESTNUT HILL AND COMMONWEALTH AVENUES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 10, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—The property located at Chestnut Hill avenue and Commonwealth avenue, containing 66,672 square feet, is unsuited for playground purposes and in the opinion of the Park Commissioner should be sold.

The City of Boston has at Cleveland Circle, which is within 200 yards of the Chestnut Hill and Commonwealth avenue property, land containing 371,200 square feet, and which could be developed into a real playground.

The property at Chestnut Hill and Commonwealth avenues is assessed for \$1 per foot and a fair upset price would be \$1.50 per foot.

In view of the desirability of this lot it would, in my opinion, be advisable, in addition to the advertisement carried in the *City Record*, to advertise the same in the Boston daily papers.

Accordingly I recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the land of the City of Boston, located at Chestnut Hill avenue and Commonwealth avenue, containing 66,672 square feet, be, and the same is hereby, ordered to be sold at public auction at an upset price of \$100,000.

Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Anna Bunich, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Lawrence S. Burke, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Columbus avenue.

Elto Motor Sales Company, for refund on unused refuse tickets.

Ellen F. Giblin, for compensation for damage to property at 175 West Fifth street, caused by overflow of water main.

Goodrich Tire Service Company, for compensation for damage to property at 96 Broadway, caused by backing up of sewage.

Hannah Higgins, for compensation for ash barrel broken by ashmen.

Mrs. Annie Hughes, for compensation for injuries received in J. A. Andrew School.

F. L. Jones, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Fremont street.

Mary R. Mahoney, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Manthorne road.

Thomas Murtha, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Franklin field.

J. Newcomb, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at 15 Kirkwood road.

Railway Express Agency, for compensation for damage to truck by city truck.

Mrs. Bernard Schlichting, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Greenwood square.

Katherine Schlitz, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Barton street.

Scott Furriers, Inc., for compensation for damage to truck by city truck.

Mrs. J. D. Sullivan, for compensation for loss of water to tenants at 38 Breck avenue, Brighton, caused by break in water main.

Mrs. B. Wolf, for compensation for damage to property at 407 Harrison avenue during Tong shooting.

Committee on Jitney Licenses.

Petition of Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway to operate motor vehicles on Washington street, from Dedham-Boston line to Forest Hills Station of Boston Elevated.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

Notice was received of the following appointments by the Mayor, viz.:

Joseph A. Rourke, 10 Allston street, Brighton, Commissioner of Public Works.

Edward F. McLaughlin, 76 Dunster road, Fire Commissioner.

James E. Maguire, 41 St. Andrew road, East Boston, Institutions Commissioner.

Joseph A. Conry, 60 Rockwood street, Traffic Commissioner.

Arthur B. Corbett, 53 Chelmsford street, Dorchester, Overseer of Public Welfare.

James P. Maloney, 624 Cambridge street, Allston, Overseer of Public Welfare.

Frank P. Howland, 6 Waverly street, Roxbury, Overseer of Public Welfare.

Anders T. Tellstrom, 91 Claybourne street, Overseer of Public Welfare.

Philip A. Chapman, 47 Sudan street, Superintendent of Supplies.

Charles T. Harding, 54 Kenwood street, Dorchester, Election Commissioner.

Charles F. Bogan, 1500 Commonwealth avenue, Brighton, Street Commissioner.

James F. Gaffney, 51 Adams street, Dorchester, member of Board of Appeal.
Severally placed on file.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS.

Notice was received of approval by the Commissioners of Civil Service of following appointments by the Mayor, viz.:

John J. Lydon, 4 Gates street, South Boston, as Soldiers' Relief Commissioner.

Peter F. Tague, 21 Monument square, Charlestown, as Principal Assessor.
Placed on file.

STORAGE AND SALE OF GASOLENE.

Notice was received from the Board of Street Commissioners of hearings to be held on petitions for storage and sale of gasolene on February 24, viz.:

Huckins Terminals Company, 523-543 Commercial street, Ward 3, 4,000 gallons.

Shell Eastern Petroleum Products, Incorporated, 1533 Columbus avenue, Ward 11, 5,000 gallons; 300 gallons oil.

Francis C. Stack, 1502 River street, Ward 18, 4,000 gallons, additional.

Francis C. Stack, 56 West Glenwood avenue, Ward 18, 60,000 gallons, additional; 20,000 gallons, additional, oil.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

APPROVAL OF CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The bonds of the following-named constables, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, were received and approved, viz.:

John S. Woods, Israel Spector, William J. Mitchell, James McDonough, Joseph J. O'Mara, Thomas J. Kilian, William E. Elton.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS PAY ROLL.

The pay roll of Registry of Deeds for work from February 1 to 15, inclusive, regular employees, amounting to \$4,755.74, was received and approved.

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

Chairman DOWD called up under unfinished business Nos. 1 and 2 on the calendar, viz.:

1. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor February 3, 1930, of the following-named persons to be Constables: Leo J. Shea, John J. Dillon, John F. Mulhern, Peter Salem, John A. May, William M. Lynch, James M. Burr, Albert M. Harding, Henry L. Murphy, Herbert A. Barron, John F. Shea, Frederick P. Sullivan, Vincenzo Musto, John F. Eagan, John J. Linehan, Henry A. Kamp.

2. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor February 3, 1930, of Walter C. Coleman and John F. McKeon, to be Weighers of Coal; and Charles M. Lampron and Fred Johnson, to be Weighers of Goods.

The question came on confirmation. Committee, Coun. Donovan and Gallagher. Whole number of ballots 16; yeas 16, and the appointments were confirmed.

LOAN FOR SEWERAGE AND FOR STRANDWAY.

Coun. DONOVAN called up under unfinished business Nos. 3 and 4 on the calendar, viz.:

3. Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 426 of the Acts of 1897, as amended by chapter 204 of the Acts of 1908, the sum of \$1,000,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under direction of the Commissioner of Public Works for sewerage works, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

On January 27, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 20, nays 0.

4. Ordered, That the sum of \$750,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Board of Park Commissioners for Columbus Park and Strandway Improvements, etc., and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

On January 27, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 16, nays 0.

The orders were given their second and final reading and passage, yeas 17, nays 0.

ARC LIGHT, WARD 12.

Coun. BUSH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an arc light at the junction of Seaver, Harold and Hutchings streets, Ward 12.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ACCEPTANCE OF CLARKSON STREET.

Coun. KELLY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept as a public highway Clarkson street, from Hamilton street to Barry street, Ward 15.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

FLAGSTAFF, HYDE PARK.

Coun. WILSON, for Coun. Norton, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested to include in its budget for 1930 a sum sufficient to provide for the erection of a flagstaff at Everett square, Hyde Park, to replace the one recently removed from that location.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ACCEPTANCE OF WHITRIDGE STREET.

Coun. FISH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept Whitridge street, Ward 16, as a public highway.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

TUNNEL UNDER TRACKS AT FOREST HILLS.

Coun. MURRAY offered the following:

Ordered, That the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars be and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, for the construction of a tunnel under the railroad tracks at Forest Hills, to replace the present toll gate bridge connecting Hyde Park avenue and Washington street, Ward 19, and that to meet such expense the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

SIDEWALK ON ROCKVIEW STREET.

Coun. MURRAY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Rockview street, both sides, Ward 19, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS IN WARD 20.

Coun. COX offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out a sewer in Cranston road, Ward 20, from Church street to Parkvale road.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Peak Hill road, Ward 20, from Cerdan avenue to West Roxbury Parkway, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Billings street, Ward 20, from Spring street southeasterly, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Alhambra street, Ward 20, from Maple street to Willow street, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to change the name of Carroll street, Ward 20, to Dent street, from 295 Vermont street to Keith street.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface La Grange street, Ward 20, from Washington street to Brookline line; to widen La Grange street to 26 feet, with a 5-foot sidewalk on each side of street.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Temple street, Ward 20, from Ivory street to Baker street, and to make a 5-foot sidewalk on each side of the street.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Ivory street, Ward 20, from Temple street to Dent street, and to make a 5-foot sidewalk on each side of the street.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Centre street, Ward 20, from Spring street to Grove street, and to widen Centre street to 26 feet, with 5-foot sidewalks on each side of street.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Bellevue street, Ward 20, from 1944 Centre street to West Roxbury Parkway.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Beech street, Ward 20, from Washington street to West Roxbury Parkway, and to widen Beech street to a width of 26 feet, with 5-foot sidewalks on each side of street.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Walter street, Ward 20, from South street to 1200 Centre street.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface South street, Ward 20, from 1640 Centre street to Walter street.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Farquhar street, Ward 20, from Selwyn street to South street.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Summer street, Ward 20, from Powell street to Autumn street.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

SALARY OF CORPORATION COUNSEL

Coun. RUBY, for the Committee on Ordinances, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and ordinance (referred February 3) recommending increase in salary of Corporation Counsel to \$10,000 yearly—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said ordinance passed.

LIGHTING OF TENNIS COURTS,
FRANKLIN FIELD.

Coun. RUBY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install

flood projection lights at the tennis courts in Franklin Field, for night playing.

Coun. RUBY—Mr. President, I am introducing this order at the request of the so-called Franklin Field Tennis and Racquet Club, composed of 200 or more members, who use the Franklin Field tennis courts for playing tennis during the week, and more especially Saturday and Sunday. As I understand it, there are twenty or twenty-one tennis courts on Franklin Field and from information I have received from the Park Commission those courts are used at all times. These courts would be available for night playing, which is done in other places, and I am given to understand that for a reasonable amount the tennis courts can be used at night with flood projection lights by those who desire to play tennis at such times. Therefore, I ask a suspension of the rule and the passage of the order.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

MEMORIAL IN MARINE PARK.

Coun. MAHONEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners be, and the same hereby are, requested to designate a suitable site at Marine Park, in the vicinity of City Point, South Boston, commemorative of the services rendered by the United States Navy in all wars and particularly those of the Union Sailors serving on the U. S. S. "Kearsarge" during the Civil War, the expenses of the same to be borne by the Kearsarge Naval Veterans' Association.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

HEATING APPARATUS IN HARBOR VIEW
SCHOOL.

Coun. McGRATH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of School-house Construction be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make an inspection of the heating apparatus in the Harbor View Street School with a view to remedying a situation which has brought about a number of colds among the children attending same.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPAVING OF OLD COLONY AVENUE.

Coun. LYNCH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave Old Colony avenue, Ward 7, with smooth paving.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SALARY OF SECOND ASSISTANT CLERK
OF COMMITTEES.

Coun. LYNCH offered the following:

An Ordinance Concerning the Salary of the Second Assistant Clerk of Committees.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Chapter three of the Revised Ordinances of 1925 is hereby amended in section five in the clause establishing the salaries of the officers connected with the City Council by striking out, after the words "the second assistant clerk of committees," the words "three thousand dollars" and inserting in place thereof the words "thirty seven hundred fifty dollars."

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

SIDEWALK ON KINROSS ROAD.

Coun. HEIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Kinross road, both sides, Ward 21, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

EXTENSION OF BOYLSTON STREET SUBWAY.

Coun. HEIN offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the General Court for legislation providing for the extension of the present Boylston Street Subway from Governor square along Commonwealth avenue and Brighton avenue to a point beyond Harvard avenue.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC SIGNALS, WARD 21.

Coun. HEIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an automatic traffic signal at the junction of Commonwealth avenue and Washington street, Ward 21.

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an automatic traffic signal at the junction of Commonwealth avenue and Harvard avenue, Ward 21.

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an automatic traffic signal at the corner of Warren street and Commonwealth avenue.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

REPAVING OF KINROSS ROAD.

Coun. HEIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Kinross road, from Commonwealth avenue to Sutherland road, Ward 21.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PAYMENT OF AID TO SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

Coun. MAHONEY, for the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, submitted a report recommending passage of order for payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the City of Boston for the month of February, 1930.

Report accepted; said order passed.

RESURFACING OF LAMBERT AVENUE.

Coun. GLEASON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Lambert avenue, Ward 9.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

The Council voted, at 2.37 p. m., to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by President LYNCH at 3.17 p. m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. MAHONEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on communication from the Mayor, preambles and order (referred today) accepting tablets for which money has been collected by public subscription by the Aviation Memorial Committee for purpose of erecting a memorial on the Administration Building at the Boston Airport and money left from said subscriptions be, and hereby are, accepted.

Report accepted; preambles and order passed.

2. Report on message from Mayor and order (referred today) that the City of Boston accept a gift of \$300 made to the city for the benefit of the Long Island Hospital under the will of the late Samuel Hirschberg of Boston—that said order ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

LEGISLATION IN RE WIDENING L STREET.

Coun. MAHONEY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to petition the General Court for legislation providing for the widening of L street from Broadway to the Strandway, South Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS, WARD 18.

Coun. NORTON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Duxbury road, Ward 18, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Augustus avenue, Ward 18, between Whitford street and Metropolitan avenue, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide for the widening of Jewett street, Ward 18, to a width of forty feet.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Hilburn street, Ward 18, as a public highway.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

CIRCUSES IN CHARLESTOWN.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to communicate with the management of the leading circuses throughout the country for the purpose of urging them to hold their exhibitions this year in Charlestown, on account of its historical importance, in conjunction with Boston's tercentenary celebration.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

Adjourned, on motion of Coun. WILSON, at 3.31 p. m., to meet on Monday, February 17, 1930, at 2 p. m.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, February 17, 1930.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President LYNCH in the chair. Absent, Coun. Cox and Dowd.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments for the term ending April 30, 1930, viz.:

Constables: Frederick A. Cronin, 746 Saratoga street, East Boston; John A. Brennan, 282 Bunker Hill street, Charlestown; James J. Twohig, Jr., 76 West Fifth street, South Boston; George Leary, Dorchester, Mass.; Henry Torey, Deadens road.

Weighers of Coal: Peter McIver, 250 Stuart street, city; Frank T. Leahy, 250 Stuart street, city.

Weigher of Goods: Paul Sanders, South Boston.

Severally laid over a week under the law.

IMPROVEMENTS FOR BOSTON AIRPORT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, February 13, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—The enactment by the Legislature of a bill permitting an additional lease of land from the state to the city permits the enlargement and extension of the Boston Airport.

Certain improvements are necessary at once in order that Boston may receive a Class 1 rating from the Department of Commerce as to size of airport. Among the improvements desirable at once are the following:

1. The building of a hydroplane ramp to provide a landing place for seaplanes or surface boats in proximity to the present hangars.

2. The construction of a permanent road in the rear of the hangars, and also the establishment of a large area for parking purposes.

3. The erection of a fence with opening for planes in front of the hangars to be used by the operators for the loading and unloading of passengers.

4. The development of a permanent seaplane port as filling progresses to permit of the same.

5. The establishment of suitable concrete markers.

6. Additional lighting equipment, including beacon, etc., and such obstruction lighting on nearby buildings as may be necessary.

7. The filling at the earliest possible moment of the triangular space between the National Guard hangars and Wood Island Park. (This area to be used for such additional hangars as may be required.)

8. The general development of the airport.

At the present time there remains an unexpended balance of appropriation amounting to \$80,000 which can be utilized in part upon this work. The probability is that the completion of the airport will ultimately represent two years' work and an expenditure approximating one and one half millions of dollars.

I recognize that it is impossible to provide this entire sum in one year, and even if the amount were available, it would be impossible to carry through the projected development in a shorter period of time than two years.

I am, however, of the opinion that in addition to the unexpended balance on hand the sum of \$250,000 additional could be expended during the present year, and I accordingly recommend the adoption by your honorable body of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the sum of \$250,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commissioners, for Airport, Improvements, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

NAVY MEMORIAL AT CITY POINT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, February 17, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith submit a report from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Department, requesting a suitable site be designated at City Point to commemorate the services rendered by the United States Navy. This communication is in reply to your order of February 10, 1930.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Park Department, February 15, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I have your memorandum of February 13, with inclosure, order from the City Council that the Board of Park Commissioners be requested to designate a suitable site at Marine Park to commemorate the services rendered by the United States Navy in all wars, the expense of same to be borne by the Kearsarge Naval Veterans' Association.

Before designating any site, I desire to study the plans of the proposed memorial, as the size and cost will have considerable amount of bearing on where the location can be given.

Very respectfully yours,

WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

Placed on file.

TIME FOR HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, February 17, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith submit to you report of the Board of Trustees of the Boston City Hospital to allow ward maids and helpers Sundays and holidays off without loss of pay. This communication is in reply to your order of February 3, 1930.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Hospital Department, February 14, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor,—I am returning to you herewith order of the City Council, "That the City Hospital Trustees be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to allow ward maids and helpers employed at the hospital Sundays and holidays off without loss of pay."

I am informed by Miss Currier, the Superintendent of Nurses, that the ward maids and ward helpers now have every other Sunday and every other holiday off after ten o'clock, and that what they are asking for now is, not that they have every Sunday and every holiday off, but that on every other Sunday and every other holiday they be allowed to have the whole day off instead of coming in as they now do, and working until ten o'clock. Miss Currier informs me that she can arrange to do this, and I have instructed her to put such arrangement into effect.

Yours respectfully,

JOSEPH P. MANNING,

President, Board of Trustees.

Placed on file.

FLAGSTAFF AT EVERETT SQUARE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, February 17, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith submit to you report of the chairman of the Park Department, relative

to erecting a flagstaff at Everett square, Hyde Park. This communication is in reply to your order of February 10, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, February 15, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I have your memorandum of February 13, with inclosure, order from the City Council that the Park Commission be requested to include in its budget a sum sufficient to provide for the erection of a flagstaff at Everett square, Hyde Park, and beg to submit the following:

The erection of a 70-foot pole would cost \$350; the erection of an 85-foot pole would cost \$500.

As this area does not come under the jurisdiction of the Park Department, I am submitting the cost for the City Messenger's Department, under whose jurisdiction it does come.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

Placed on file.

FLOOD LIGHTS AT FRANKLIN FIELD.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 17, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith submit to you report of the chairman of the Park Department, in reference to installing flood lights at Franklin Field which is in reply to your order of February 10, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, February 15, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I have your memorandum of February 13, with inclosure, order from the City Council that the Park Commission be requested to install flood projection lights at the tennis courts in Franklin Field for night playing.

I am having estimates submitted at the present time, which I will forward to the City Council as soon as I receive same.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

Placed on file.

EXCHANGE OF LAND WITH COMMONWEALTH.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 17, 1930.
To the Honorable the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith present for your favorable consideration an order for the exchange of lands which is authorized by the provisions of chapter 264, Acts of 1928, "An Act Authorizing the City of Boston to Exchange Land with the Commonwealth for the Purposes of Marine Park in Said City," which act is as follows:

"The city of Boston, by vote of its city council approved by its mayor, is hereby authorized, in consideration of the conveyance to it for park purposes of land at least equal in area, to convey to the commonwealth of Massachusetts, by deed approved by the attorney general, all the rights, title and interest of said city in and to certain land and flats at South Boston, being a part of an area, now known as Marine park, lying easterly of Farragut road and between said road and the flats of the commonwealth, and acquired by said city for the purposes of a public park under the provisions of chapter one hundred and eighty-five of the acts of eighteen hundred and seventy-five, and otherwise; and the state department of public works shall have charge of any land and flats conveyed to the commonwealth hereunder."

Negotiations for the proposed exchange have been pending for many years between the Commonwealth and the city. On September 29, 1925, I, as Mayor, approved a former order as finally passed by the City Council on September 28, 1925, for the exchange of lands in substantially the same location. The exchange was never consummated, due to the advice of the Attorney-General at that time that the City of Boston's title to the land that

it proposed to convey was questioned. In consequence of the Attorney-General's advice and the refusal of the Commonwealth to make the exchange at that time, the passage of chapter 264 above quoted became necessary. No further action was taken until I again assumed the office of Mayor this year. Negotiations were renewed between the Public Works Department of the Commonwealth, the Governor and myself, and as a result of these negotiations, an agreement was arrived at that the exchange proposed in the accompanying order should be made and that in addition to the exchange of lands in South Boston, the Commonwealth, under the provisions of chapter 371, Acts of 1929, "An Act Providing for the Improvement of the Charles River Basin for Recreational and Other Purposes for the Laying Out and Construction of Certain Parkways Along the Basin and for the Improvement of Certain Streets in Boston and Cambridge Near Said Basin," should sell and convey two parcels of land formerly owned by the Boston & Maine Railroad, situate on Nashua and Lowell streets, containing about 83,081 square feet, to the City of Boston for playground, bathing or similar purposes, for the sum of \$25,000.

You now have under consideration an order for the appropriation of said sum which I have heretofore transmitted. The city is also to agree to lay out, construct and improve Fargo street and E street in South Boston at an expense not to exceed \$35,000, when these streets which are included in the proposed exchange are conveyed by the Commonwealth to the city.

This exchange of land and the improvement of the streets will be of great benefit to the Park Department and will allow the Commonwealth to develop its land bordering on the Reserved channel for industrial purposes, which will develop business and add to the taxable property of the city. The acquisition by the city of the property of the Commonwealth on Lowell and Nashua streets will give to the city recreational, playground and bathing facilities much needed in a greatly congested district.

I therefore earnestly urge upon you the wisdom of your favorable action as speedily as possible so that all matters agreed upon between the Commonwealth and the city at the conference may be concluded at the same time.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized and empowered, in the name and behalf of the City of Boston, to release to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by deed approved by the Attorney-General all right, title and interest of said city in and to certain lands and flats at South Boston, being a part of an area now known as Marine Park, lying easterly of Farragut road and between said road and flats of the Commonwealth, acquired by the said city for the purposes of a public park under the provisions of chapter 185, Acts of 1875, and otherwise, bounded and described as follows:

That land lying southerly of Reserved channel, and bounded westerly by the extension northerly of the easterly boundary line of Farragut road to the United States pierhead and bulkhead line on the southerly side of Reserved channel; southerly by the following described lines: Line B-C, which is an extension easterly of the southerly boundary line of East First street, one hundred feet; line C-D, running north sixty-seven degrees, fourteen minutes, eighteen and eight-tenths seconds east, seven hundred fifty-two and eight hundredths feet; line D-E, running north eighty-eight degrees, forty-one minutes, ten and seven-tenths seconds east, one thousand six hundred forty-three and sixty-seven hundredths feet; line E-F, running north forty degrees, twenty-seven minutes, ten and eight-tenths seconds east, to its intersection with the United States pierhead and bulkhead line on the southwesterly side of the Main Ship channel; bounded northeasterly by said United States pierhead and bulkhead line; bounded northerly by the United States pierhead and bulkhead line on the southerly side of Reserved channel; all as shown on a plan marked "Exchange of Land at Marine Park, South Boston, Between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and City of Boston. Department of Public Works of Massachusetts, Scale 1 to 5,000, John N. Ferguson, District Waterways Engineer Acc. 4050," filed in the office of the Massachusetts Department of Public Works, 413 State House.

And as consideration for said conveyance by said City of Boston of the above-described land, the Commonwealth is to convey to the City of Boston the following described land which is at least equal in area to the land above described, and the land to be conveyed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is bounded and described as follows:

All the land and flats between Marine Park and Castle Island which lie southerly and easterly of the above-described lines, B-C, C-D, D-E, E-F and extending into Pleasure Bay to a line drawn between points marked B and HH on the United States pierhead and bulkhead line, all as shown on said plan.

And in addition the Commonwealth is to convey to the City of Boston the following described parcels of land:

Three certain parcels of land situated in that part of said Boston called South Boston, bounded and described as follows:

Parcel No. 1: Private way fifty (50) feet wide known as Fargo street, northwesterly by the southeasterly side line of D street, fifty (50) feet; northeasterly by land now or formerly of Fargo Real Estate Trust seven hundred forty-eight and sixty-six one-hundredths (748.66) feet; southeasterly by the private way known as "E" street, fifty (50) feet; southwesterly by land of the Commonwealth, land now or formerly of the Fargo Real Estate Trust and land now or formerly of Joseph Burnett Company, seven hundred forty-eight and sixty-six one-hundredths (748.66) feet.

Parcel No. 2: Private way sixty (60) feet wide known as Fargo street, northwesterly by the southeasterly side line of the private way known as "E" street, eighty (80) feet, more or less; northerly by land now or formerly of Fred B. Rice four hundred five and ninety-two one-hundredths (405.92) feet, more or less; northeasterly by the southwesterly side line of Summer street ninety (90) feet, more or less; southerly by land of the Commonwealth five hundred twenty-six and forty-six one-hundredths (526.46) feet, more or less.

Parcel No. 3: Private way sixty (60) feet wide known as "E" street, northeasterly by E street as laid from Fargo street to Summer street, December 16, 1901, sixty (60) feet; southeasterly by the private way known as Fargo street and land of the Commonwealth eight hundred eighty (880) feet, more or less; southwesterly by E street as laid out to the low-water mark November 17, 1868, and land of the Commonwealth sixty (60) feet; northwesterly by land of the Commonwealth and the private way known as Fargo street, eight hundred eighty (880) feet, more or less.

Reserving to the said Commonwealth and its assigns the right at any time to lay and operate or to authorize the laying and operating of railroad tracks at grade across the said Fargo and E streets, as provided in chapter three hundred and seventy-seven, Acts of the Legislature of said Commonwealth for the year 1902 and the said Commonwealth for said consideration grants the said city the right to place or slope and maintain all filling required for the grading of said Fargo street and E street upon the several premises owned by said Commonwealth, adjoining the above described parcels of land. The said parcels of land are to be used for the purposes of public streets and the grade of said streets shall be established substantially as follows: Fargo street, between D street and E street as shown on a plan and profile marked "City of Boston, Fargo Street, South Boston, March 1, 1921, F. O. Whitney, Chief Engineer, Street Laying-Out Department"; Fargo street, between E street and Summer street substantially as now laid out and constructed; E street as shown on plan and profile marked "City of Boston, E Street, South Boston, October 6, 1903, William Jackson, City Engineer."

Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Betty Ashworth, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Curtis Hall.

Edward J. Barry, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Clapp street, Dorchester.

Mrs. Pauline Block, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 34 Stellman road, Roslindale.

Margaret G. Brickley, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Temple street and Vermont street.

Toni Cali, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 430 Hanover street.

P. Camuso, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Harrison avenue.

Charlestown Gas and Electric Company, for compensation for damage to property by city truck.

Mrs. Daniel Costello, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Bellamy street, Brighton.

James Dimodica, for compensation for damage to car by city team.

Frank J. Downes, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Perkins street, Jamaica Plain.

Mrs. Theresa Freeman, for compensation for damage to clothing at City Hospital.

Mary A. Glynn, for compensation for injuries caused by city truck.

Harvey A. Kelley, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 1199 Saratoga street.

Ellen F. McAndrew, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Baldwin street, Charlestown.

Peter E. McCauley, for compensation for damage to truck on East Boston Ferry.

Mrs. William O'Mara, for compensation for damage to property at 49 Thomas park, caused by water from hydrant.

Henry Phillips, for refund on store license.

Gaetano Pisa, for compensation for damage to property by city team.

Executive.

Petition of Mrs. Mary E. Petersen for children to appear at Tileston Hall, February 17, 18.

Committee on Ordinances.

Petition of Metropolitan Coal Company to have amended section 22 of chapter 40 of Revised Ordinances of 1925, being ordinance relative to restrictions on park frontages in City of Boston.

Committee on Jitney Licenses.

Petition of Boston Elevated Railway Company to operate motor buses between junction of Dorchester and Eighth streets and Broadway Station.

STORAGE AND SALE OF GASOLENE.

Notice was received from the Board of Street Commissioners of hearings on petitions for storage and sale of gasoline on March 3, 1930, as follows:

John T. Nolan, 961 Columbus avenue, Ward 9, 4,000 gallons.

Ernest H. Parker, 1539 and 1541 Columbus avenue, etc., Ward 11, 3,000 gallons gasoline, 300 gallons oil.

The Texas Company, 975 Blue Hill avenue, Ward 14, 1,000 gallons.

The Texas Company, 1785 Columbus avenue, Ward 11, 1,000 gallons.

The Texas Company, 244 Hancock street, Ward 15, 1,000 gallons.

The Texas Company, 670 Huntington avenue, Ward 10, 2,000 gallons.

The Texas Company, 135 North Beacon street, Ward 22, 2,000 gallons.

The Texas Company, 758 Shawmut avenue, Ward 9, 1,000 gallons.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

APPROVAL OF CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The constables' bonds of John J. Dillon and Walter D. Flynn, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, were received and approved.

APPOINTMENT OF FOOD INSPECTORS.

Notices were received from the Health Department of appointment of James H. Ward, Thomas H. Waldron and Frank G. May as food inspectors. Placed on file.

HEARING ON LAYING OF SUBMARINE CABLES.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Works, State House, of hearing to be given on February 19, at 2 p. m., on petition of New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad to lay and maintain three submarine cables across the channel of Neponset river.

Placed on file.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL H. CORCORAN.

Notice was received of approval by the Commissioners of Civil Service of appointment of Michael H. Corcoran, 433 West Roxbury Parkway, West Roxbury, to position of Sinking Funds Commissioner.

Placed on file.

MINORS' LICENSES.

President LYNCH submitted petitions of sixty newsboys for minors' licenses. Approved and granted by the Council, under usual conditions.

SIDEWALK ASSESSMENTS.

The Commissioner of Public Works submitted reports and orders covering same for assessment of one half the cost of constructing sidewalks on streets as follows:

	Half Cost.
Arlington street (south side), Ward 18.	\$469 74
Clifford street, Ward 18.	1,077 15
Monastery road, Ward 21.	1,199 96
Julian street, Ward 13.	1,190 55
Athol street, Ward 22.	1,729 73
Bruce street, Ward 16.	928 33
Perkins avenue, Ward 18.	239 33
Leicester street, Ward 22.	3,383 70
Wrentham street, Ward 16.	3,220 60
Raymond street, Ward 22.	3,825 89

The orders were severally passed.

PAYMENT OF AID TO SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

Coun. MAHONEY, for the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, submitted report recommending passage of order for payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the City of Boston for the month of February, 1930.

Report accepted and said order passed.

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

President LYNCH called up, under unfinished business, Nos. 1 and 2 on the calendar, viz.:

1. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor February 10, 1930, of Harris Hirschberg, Henry G. Dahlquist, Lewis R. Cohen, Joseph M. Goode and John H. Glennon, to be Constables.

2. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor February 10, 1930, of Vinal Cooke, to be a Weigher of Coal; Joseph B. Corbett, to be a Weigher of Beef; and Everett H. Perth, to be a Weigher of Goods.

The question came on confirmation. Committee. Coun. Hein and Fitzgerald. Whole number of ballots 16, yeas 16, nays 0, and the appointments were confirmed.

LOAN FOR NEW FERRYBOAT.

President LYNCH called up, under unfinished business, No. 3 on the calendar, viz.:

3. Ordered, That the sum of \$350,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Public Works Commissioner, for new ferryboat, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

On February 3, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 19, nays 0.

The order was given its second and final reading and passage, yeas 18, nays 0.

LOAN FOR RESURFACING BUNKER HILL STREET.

President LYNCH called up, under unfinished business, No. 4 on the calendar, viz.:

4. Ordered, That the sum of \$100,000 be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, for the resurfacing of Bunker Hill street, Ward 2, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

On February 3, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 21, nays 0.

The order was given its second and final reading and passage, yeas 18, nays 0.

BRIDGE TO EAST BOSTON.

Coun. DONOVAN offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of the City of Boston hereby approves the enactment of legislation to authorize the city to borrow money for the purpose of constructing a bridge from Boston proper to East Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

UNPAID WATER RATES.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be, and he hereby is, respectfully requested to direct the City Collector to proceed in accordance with chapter 391 of the Acts of 1928 for the collection of unpaid water rates.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, with reference to that order I would state that it is prompted by newspaper articles I have seen recently to the effect that his Honor the Mayor has quite properly in mind the collection of the large amount of unpaid water bills amounting to \$779,580, up to the last quarter of 1929. Unfortunately, however, as I understand the situation, the Mayor, if the papers are correct, has, I understand, advised the Water Department to notify all owners of property in the City of Boston that, unless the water bills are paid on or before March 15, the City of Boston will enforce the city ordinance and thereby shut off water in the City of Boston from houses the owners of which have not paid the tax. I would call the attention of the members of the Council to the fact that two years ago, in March, 1928, a special committee of the City Council, consisting of Councilors Ruby, Murphy, Fish, Sullivan, McMahon and Wilson, was appointed by the President to investigate the matter of water shut-offs, and as a result an order was introduced into this body to consider the advisability of substituting for the shutting off of the water a tax lien on property where the water bills were not paid, as an alternative to the shut-off. As I remember, at a hearing of the committee, almost every member of the City Council was present, due to the trouble caused by the wholesale shutting off of water in the Dorchester district, and the question of the repeal of the shut-off provision, under section 22 of chapter 27 of the Revised Ordinances of 1925, was considered. There appeared before the committee at that time Assistant Corporation Counsel Mr. Lyons, Mr. Carven of the Water Department, and other witnesses, and the proceedings were printed as Document 50 of 1928. At that time, I would call to your attention that the following question was asked of Mr. Carven:

"The average owner of a house pays his bills, and your trouble has been, chiefly, at least for the last four or five years, with a certain clique, a certain group, the same men year after year."

And Mr. Carven replied, "The same number every quarter." And then Mr. Carven was asked by Councilor Motley:

"Have you any solution to offer?"

"Mr. CARVEN—As to the remedy?"

"Coun. MOTLEY—Yes.

"Mr. CARVEN—I think myself, if it could be a lien proposition, that would be the prettiest way, the neatest way, having the lien so arranged that it could go on automatically and function, and shut out the shut-offs entirely. Nobody is in favor of them, Mr. Councilor."

We also had before us Mr. McMurray, and he was asked this question:

"Taking the 1,300 shut-offs, or whatever the number is, in the course of a year, is it a fact that practically all the time you find the same bad actors?"

"Mr. McMURRAY—The same ones."

"Coun. WILSON—And if those men were wiped out, this whole shut-off question would be practically eliminated."

"Mr. McMURRAY—Yes, sir."

Now, at that time it was brought out that as of December 31, 1927, there was only \$152,175 in unpaid water bills, which is some difference from the present figure, which is almost three times that amount. We also had appear before us the Assistant Corporation Counsel, Joseph P. Lyons, who stated:

"I should say that under the law of 1923, the lien law, chapter 391 of the Acts of 1923, amending chapter 40 of the General Laws relating to powers and duties of cities and towns, you could collect all the water bills and that that is up to the collector."

And then he went on to say,

"Suppose, whether you want to change the ordinance or not, you do have the lien law under which you can collect bills. It is for the City Council and the Mayor to determine."

I have gone into this in detail because the Council in 1928 held this long hearing and made this long report, contained in Document 50 of 1928. At that time it was the unanimous sentiment of the Boston City Council that this shut-off proposition should be done away with, that the proper method of procedure would be to put a lien on the owner's house if he did not pay, the answer being that if he did not pay the bill within a certain length of time he would lose his house. What caused the difficulty at that time was because there were some bad actors who did this sort of thing year after year, and the men took the bit in their teeth in 1928 and felt that these men who were year after year refusing to pay their water bills, and who were the cause of this amount of unpaid taxes being on the books ought to be wiped out. For that reason I have introduced the order requesting that the Mayor ask the City Collector to proceed against these same bad actors, who are doing this sort of thing year after year, letting them know that they will lose their houses if the bills are not paid. If that had been done two years ago, the amount of those bills would not have come up to the extent that it has today.

The order was passed.

PAYMENTS BY SOLDIERS' RELIEF COMMISSIONER.

Coun. MAHONEY offered the following:

Ordered, That, until otherwise ordered, the City Auditor be authorized to allow for payment to the Soldiers' Relief Commissioner such sums, not exceeding four thousand dollars in each week, as the said City Auditor in his discretion may determine to be required, the sum so allowed to be expended, subject to the approval of the chairman of the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, or in his absence by any other member of said committee, by the said commissioner in affording immediate relief to persons entitled to aid under chapter 115 of the General Laws and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto; said sums to be charged to the appropriation for Soldiers' Relief.

The order was declared referred to the Executive Committee.

Coun. MAHONEY—Mr. President, if I may, I will ask a suspension of the rule for the passage of the order, it being an emergency order.

President LYNCH—The Chair will rule that the order has been referred to the Executive Committee in order that the Soldiers' Relief Commissioner may explain the matter fully.

PROPOSED RESURFACING OF WARD 20 STREETS.

Coun. POWER, for Coun. Cox, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Congreve street, Ward 20, the entire length.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Guernsey street, Ward 20, the entire length.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Cass street, Ward 20, the entire length.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF WARD 20 STREETS.

Coun. POWER, for Coun. Cox, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Arborough road, Ward 20, from Conway street to Arnold Arboretum, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Ardmore road, Ward 20, from Theodore Parker road to Sidley road, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Hobson street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Sidley road, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Summit road, Ward 20, from Cottage avenue to Shaw street, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Abbott street, Ward 20, from Willow street to Manthorne road, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Auburn street, Ward 20, from Washington street to Walworth street, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Birch road, Ward 20, from Cottage road to Dana road, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Chilton Road Extension, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Cowing street, Ward 20, from La Grange street to Washington street, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Kirk street, Ward 20, from Montview street to Crest street, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Lark street, Ward 20, from La Grange street to Bellevue street, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Landseer terrace, Ward 20, from Landseer street southwesterly, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Martin street, Ward 20, from La Grange street to Park street, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Potomac street, Ward 20, from Vermont street southeasterly, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Redgate road, Ward 20, from La Grange street to Emmonsdales road, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Roslindale avenue, Ward 20, from Cornell street to Beech street, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out the unaccepted part of Weld street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

BUS LINE ON HANOVER STREET.

Coun. FITZGERALD offered the following:

Ordered, That the Trustees of the Boston Elevated Railway Company be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to restore the bus line which has recently been discontinued on Hanover street.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

INFORMATION IN RE NEW JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, CHARLESTOWN.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioners of School Buildings be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to advise the City Council as to when the buildings now standing on land purchased by the city as a site for the new Junior High School in Charlestown will be removed and work started on the erection of the school building.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RAMP AT WARREN BRIDGE.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Planning Board and the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to investigate and report to the City Council, as a measure of traffic relief, the advisability of constructing a ramp at Warren Bridge, corner of Water street, to extend to Wapping and Henley streets at Chelsea street, Ward 2.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PROPOSED NEW BUILDINGS ON RUTHERFORD AVENUE.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to investigate and report to the City Council upon the advisability of the removal of wooden buildings on Rutherford avenue, Ward 2, now occupied by the Sanitary, Sewer, and Paving Divisions, and the erection in their stead of modern concrete structures.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS FOR CHARLESTOWN PLAYGROUNDS.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to include in its budget for 1930 a sum sufficient to provide for the installation of shower baths at the Sullivan Square and Bunker Hill Heights Playgrounds; for tennis courts at the Charlestown Heights Playground; and for additional concrete bleachers at the Sullivan Square Playground.

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to erect a concrete handball court in the Sullivan Square Playground, to replace the dilapidated wooden court now in use.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT AT DEWEY BEACH.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested through his Honor the Mayor, to investigate and report to the City Council the advisability of the removal of the present wooden building at Dewey Beach, and the construction of a fireproof and sanitary structure in its place, and the installation of the year-round shower baths in the new building.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

CENTRAL FIRE STATION IN CHARLESTOWN.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide for a central fire station for the Charlestown district.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

BRANCH LIBRARY IN SULLIVAN SQUARE SECTION.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Trustees of the Boston Public Library be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide for the erection of a branch library in the Sullivan Square section of Charlestown.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF GOODRICH ROAD.

Coun. MURRAY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Goodrich road, Ward 19, as a public highway.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ELECTRIC ARC LIGHTS, WARD 13 STREETS.

Coun. McGRATH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, because of the many recent holdups in the vicinity of the Columbia Station of the Dorchester Rapid Transit line, to install electric arc lamps on Sydney street, Crescent avenue and Carson street, Ward 13.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

CONNECTION OF SAVIN HILL AVENUE WITH OLD COLONY PARKWAY.

Coun. McGRATH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to furnish the City Council with whatever informa-

tion they may have available as to the progress made on connecting Savin Hill avenue with the Old Colony Parkway.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

APPROPRIATION FOR SMITH PLAYGROUND, ALLSTON.

Coun. GALLAGHER offered the following:

Ordered, That the sum of twenty thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commission, for the grading and placing in proper condition of the Smith Playground, Allston, and the building of concrete bleachers thereon, and that to meet such expense the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPAVING OF RIDGEMONT STREET.

Coun. HEIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Ridgemont street, Ward 21.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

CONCRETE BLEACHERS, CHESTNUT HILL PLAYGROUND.

Coun. HEIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commission, for the erection of concrete bleachers at the Chestnut Hill Playground, and that to meet such expense the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

REQUEST TO REMOVE ADVERTISING SIGNS.

Coun. FISH offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to call upon the Board of Public Trustees of the Boston Elevated Railway to remove the advertising signs from the Cedar Grove Station of the Dorchester Rapid Transit Extension.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

APPROVAL OF MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS.

Coun. RUBY offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council favors an amendment to chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, striking out that portion requiring approval by the Civil Service Commission of appointment by the Mayor of heads of departments and members of municipal boards.

Coun. RUBY—Mr. President, it has recently come to our attention through the press and in other ways that several appointments of heads of departments by his Honor the Mayor have been postponed or rejected. Regardless of our individual feelings as to any particular appointment, nevertheless the Mayor of this city is responsible for every department within the confines of the city over which he has jurisdiction. That being the case, it ought not to be necessary for the Mayor, in making appointments of his official family, to secure the confirmation of any particular body because of the fact that he is responsible for the carrying out of the work of the particular department and, therefore, it should not be necessary for him to make a second or third choice. I believe in a city such as ours no such power should be given to any state body, if we are to have home rule in our city; our Mayor should not be obliged to go to the Civil Service for confirmation of any of his appointments. I believe there is pending at the present time in the Legislature of

Massachusetts a bill proposing to remedy this situation, and I feel that now is the proper time for us to go on record as telling the Legislature that we favor such action, so that the Mayor of Boston may make such appointments as he sees fit, he being responsible for the carrying out of the work of the particular departments in which the appointments are made. I ask that the order be passed under suspension of the rule.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

ACCEPTANCE OF CHESTER PLACE.

Coun. GLEASON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Chester place, Ward 9.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

The Council voted at 2.44 p. m., on motion of Coun. BUSH, to take a recess subject to the call of the President. The members reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by President LYNCH at 3.18 p. m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. MAHONEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on petition (referred today) for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement, viz.:

Mrs. Mary E. Petersen, Tileston Hall, February 17 and 18,—that leave be granted.

Leave granted under usual conditions.

2. Report on order (referred today) that Soldiers' Relief Commissioner be allowed sums, not exceeding \$4,000 in each week, for immediate relief of persons entitled to aid under chapter 115 of the General Laws and acts in amendment thereof, said sums to be charged to appropriation for Soldiers' Relief—that said order ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES.

Coun. GREEN, for the Committee on Ordinances, submitted report, as follows, viz.:

Report on ordinance (referred February 10) amending chapter 3 of Revised Ordinances of 1925, section 5, by changing salary of second assistant clerk of committees from \$3,000 to \$3,750—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said ordinance passed.

LOANS FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. DONOVAN, for the Committee on Finance, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred February 10) appropriating \$275,000 for East Boston Courthouse—that same ought to pass.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, I might say briefly for the benefit of the members of the Council who were not here last year—I believe the other members of the body are somewhat familiar with it—that what I have to say on this matter not only applies to the order for \$275,000 for East Boston Courthouse, but also the \$160,000 for the Brighton Courthouse. The present accommodations for both the East Boston and the Brighton courthouses are not adequate for the business being done there. In fact, business during the last four or five years has doubled, and for many years the accommodations have not been adequate. Consequently, his Honor the Mayor introduced this order for \$275,000 for East Boston Courthouse as well as the order for \$160,000 for the Brighton Courthouse. That will be the only building that Brighton has had constructed for the last fifty years.

The report was accepted and the order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 19, nays 0.

2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred January 27) appropriating \$160,000 for erection of courthouse, Brighton—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted, order given its first reading and passage, yeas 19, nays 0.

3. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred February 10) appropriating \$45,000 for the erection of a Tercentenary Memorial, etc.—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order given its first reading and passage, yeas 10, nays 0.

4. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred February 10) appropriating \$40,000 for improvement of Webster Avenue Playground—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order given its first reading and passage, yeas 19, nays 0.

5. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred January 27) for appropriation of \$35,000 for improvements at Muddy river and Leverett pond—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted, said order given its first reading and passage, yeas 18, nays 0.

6. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred February 10) appropriating \$25,000 for purchase of land in vicinity of Leverett and Nashua streets—that same ought to pass.

Coun. BUSH—Mr. President, I would like to ask for some information in reference to that order.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, introduced by the Mayor, it was for the purpose of increasing the playground facilities in the West End, and, as a final step, to increase the Charlesbank Gymnasium. This sum of money was arrived at as a result of a conference between the Governor of the Commonwealth, the Mayor of the city, and the State Public Works Commissioner. As a result of the conference the city gets two acres of land, assumed to be worth \$400,000, in return for this \$25,000 appropriation which the city is giving for the purchase of the land. It is a much needed improvement down there, following along the lines of the improvement contemplated by the Mayor in widening Charles street and being the first step in the direction of giving to the people of the West End a much needed improvement. I don't know whether I have adequately described the situation.

Coun. BUSH—Mr. President, I would like to ask the chairman of the Committee on Finance if that is the land which the city is swapping for another piece of land owned by the state which is under water?

Coun. DONOVAN—Yes, it is the same place.

Coun. FITZGERALD—Mr. President, I might say in reference to the proposition that it would perhaps be well to read to the Council what his Honor the Mayor said to the City Council with regard to the matter on February 10, 1930:

"Gentlemen,—The improvement of Charles street through widening to a width of 120 feet makes necessary the taking of a large portion of the recreation park land commonly known as Charlesbank Gymnasium."

It means that that so-called park will be temporarily wiped out of existence for two or three years at least.

"The improvement contemplated represents the contribution by the City of Boston to the Charles River Embankment improvement which was in a large measure made possible through the contribution of \$1,000,000 by the widow of a former member of the City Council, the late James J. Storrow. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in conjunction with the Leverett and Nashua street development, purchased from the Boston & Maine Railroad approximately 86,000 feet of land. At a conference at which were present his Excellency Governor Frank G. Allen, the State Treasurer, the State Highway Commissioners, his Honor James M. Curley, the Corporation Counsel and the Auditor of the City of Boston, an agreement was arrived at with reference to the amount to be paid by the City of Boston for the land purchased by the Commonwealth from the Boston & Maine Railroad."

The state originally wanted some \$400,000 for it.

"It was agreed that in consideration of the construction at a cost of \$35,000 of certain streets in the industrial section of state-owned land in the vicinity of Summer street and the payment of \$25,000 that title to the land would be conveyed to the City of Boston."

In addition to this improvement there is another improvement that goes with it, taking in that part of the city represented by President Lynch or

Councilor Mahoney, I don't know which, and \$35,000 will, as stated here, be given to lay out certain streets in connection with the state-owned land in South Boston. That is also included in this bargain, and the Mayor agreed to do that.

"In the event that the City Council are in agreement, it is my purpose to later provide sufficient funds for the establishment of suitable bathing facilities in conjunction with the park development created upon this land. The section in question where the land is located is the most congested center of the city, and I recommend the early adoption of the accompanying order."

That, Mr. President, speaks for itself. The land to be taken, now owned by the Boston & Maine, and our park down there, will be completely wiped out. We hope, when the thing is completed, that we will have a better park than we do at the present time. I would say, also, in conjunction with this, that there are four or five millions to be spent for a number of years, which will take in the section represented by Councilor Curtis and also the district represented by both gentlemen from Brighton and Allston. So it does not alone cover the people of the district I represent. It will benefit not only the people of the West End of Boston, but the people of the entire city and people from other parts of the Commonwealth who will come in here to enjoy it when it is completed. All that held it up was the question of what the City of Boston should pay. That has been finally decided, after a conference between the Governor of the Commonwealth and his Honor the Mayor.

Coun. HEIN—Mr. President, I would like to ask a question, for information. The gentleman says that this will be an improvement for Allston and Brighton. I would like to know what improvement is proposed out there?

Coun. FITZGERALD—Mr. President, the gentleman may not be familiar with the legislative bill, but this contemplates an improvement that will extend out through your district and the district represented by Councilor Gallagher.

The report was accepted and the order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 19, nays 0.

WARD 18 IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. NORTON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Alpheus road, Ward 18, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to widen West street, from Hyde Park avenue to Metropolitan avenue, Ward 18, to a width of forty feet.

Ordered, That the City Messenger be requested to include in his annual budget for this year a sum sufficient to provide for the erection of a 100-foot flagpole at Everett square, Hyde Park, to replace the one which was recently removed owing to its dangerous condition.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

THOMAS J. McDONALD SQUARE.

Coun. GLEASON offered the following:

Ordered, That the space at the junction of Columbus and Massachusetts avenues be named Thomas J. McDonald square in honor of said McDonald who is a late veteran of the World War.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

LOUIS MARSHALL SQUARE.

Coun. GLEASON offered the following:

Ordered, That the space at the junction of Lenox and Sawyer streets, Ward 9, be named Louis Marshall square in honor of said Marshall who is a late veteran of the World War.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RESURFACING OF WARD 10 STREETS.

Coun. POWER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Fisher avenue, Ward 10.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Terrace street, Ward 10.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

NOTICE FROM COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, I would ask unanimous consent to make a statement.

President LYNCH—The Chair hears no objection.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, there are several important loan order appropriations before your Committee on Finance, and the chairman of the Committee on Finance today deems it advisable to serve notice on the rest of the members of the Council that those vitally interested in the several orders pending will be given an opportunity to be heard Friday afternoon at two o'clock. By virtue of the fact that last Friday there was a banquet tendered to the Governor of Maryland, the committee did not meet until quarter of four; so they now wish to serve notice that there will be an opportunity given to those members who are interested to appear before the committee in regard to these matters on Friday next at 2 p. m.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I, being one of the recipients of the notice, would like to ask the chairman of the Committee on Finance what loan orders, if any, before his committee may be regarded as emergency orders which should be passed soon?

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, the Mayor of Boston has been seriously considering the fact that there is a lot of unemployment in this city, and he has introduced several loan orders with that thought in mind, action upon which he would like to have expedited so that building can be started which will help alleviate the unemployment situation. We have an order before us for \$350,000 for a new ferryboat, an order for \$350,000 for a new fireboat, an order for \$300,000 for a new printing plant, and there are several other orders, not fresh in my mind at the present time. But, in order that any members of the Council who are interested in the proposed project may have an opportunity to be present when they are being considered, the chairman of the Finance Committee thought it advisable to notify the Council that those orders are to be considered by the committee.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I shall not get into any argument with the chairman of the Finance Committee because I like him personally; but I would like to know how much labor is involved in getting a new fireboat or a new ferryboat, and how much work can be done on the printing plant in the next three months if snow conditions continue as they are?

HANDBALL COURT.

Coun. HEIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Acting Fire Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to establish a handball court in the rear of the house of Engine Company 29, on Chestnut Hill avenue.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

Adjourned at 3.38 p. m., on motion of Coun. RUBY, to meet on Monday, February 24, at 2 p. m.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, February 24, 1930.

Regular meeting of the City Council in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President LYNCH in the chair and all the members present.

FERRY TOLLS, EAST BOSTON.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 21, 1930.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen,—The business interests located at East Boston are of the opinion that the increase in ferry tolls adopted and effective as of January 1, 1930, are a detriment.

The Bridge and Ferry Division of the Public Works Department have submitted reports to me which indicate that the returns are not as great as it was anticipated they would be when the new schedules were put in operation, due in large measure to the fact that in the opinion of users of the Ferry Service they are prohibitive.

It has not been definitely determined to the present time whether a tunnel or a bridge shall be constructed connecting the mainland with East Boston and in the event that a contract were awarded now for the construction of either tunnel or bridge the shortest possible time in which the work could be completed would be at least two years, and to me it appears an injustice to require persons using the ferries to pay the increased tolls that have been levied since there is no prospect of the ferries operating in competition with tunnel or bridge until such time as a bridge or tunnel will be constructed and it will be sufficient time to consider the effect of competitive rates when the tunnel or bridge is in operation.

In view of the fact that the revenue derived from the increased rates, as adopted on January 1, 1930, show no very appreciable increase, and in view of the additional fact that the falling off in the number of vehicles approximates in excess of forty per cent, it would, in my opinion, be advisable to adopt a revised schedule of rates equivalent to a fifty per cent reduction in some cases, and greater in others, over the rates now in operation, and I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying schedule as here submitted, the new schedules, in the event of approval by the City Council, to be effective as of April 1, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

An Ordinance Concerning East Boston Ferry Tolls.
Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section 1. The tariff of tolls for passengers and vehicles upon the East Boston ferries is hereby established as follows:

Passengers.	
Foot passengers.....	1 cent.
Vehicles.	
One or two horse vehicle with driver...	5 cents.
Three or four horse vehicle with driver,	10 cents.
Passenger automobile with driver and	
one passenger.....	10 cents.
Passenger automobile with driver and	
more than one passenger.....	15 cents.
Motor truck, six tons or less, with driver,	15 cents.
Motor truck, over six tons, with driver,	20 cents.
Auto bus with driver.....	20 cents.
Auto bus with driver and passengers...	30 cents.
Motor cycle with driver.....	5 cents.
Trailer.....	10 cents.

Miscellaneous.

Hand cart or wheelbarrow and man. . .	5 cents.
Horse and rider.....	5 cents.
Horse and cattle, each, with attendant,	5 cents.

Tickets for Vehicles.

Tickets in strips of ten to be sold at a reduction of 20 per cent.

Funeral Processions.

Funeral processions pass free of tolls.
Foot passengers only will be given free transportation on ferries on 4th of July.

Sect. 2. All orders or ordinances previously passed establishing tolls on the East Boston ferries are hereby rescinded and repealed.

Sect. 3. This ordinance shall take effect beginning with the first day of April, 1930.

Referred to the Executive Committee on motion of Coun. DONOVAN.

AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC SIGNALS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 21, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I am forwarding herewith communications from Thomas F. Sullivan, Acting Traffic Commissioner, regarding installation of automatic traffic signals in compliance with the order of your honorable body of February 10.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, February 18, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I return herewith orders of the City Council dated February 10, 1930, requesting the installation of automatic traffic signals at Commonwealth avenue and Washington street, Ward 21; Commonwealth avenue and Harvard avenue, Ward 21; and Warren street and Commonwealth avenue, Ward 21.

These locations will be given careful study in connection with the installation of the automatic traffic signals authorized for the suburban territory.

Very truly yours,
THOMAS F. SULLIVAN,
Acting Commissioner.

Placed on file.

VETO OF STANLEY RINGER
PLAYGROUND LOAN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 17, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I return herewith without my approval the order of your honorable body passed February 4, 1930, relative to the Stanley Ringer Playground, Ward 21.

There are so many pressing necessities confronting the city at the present time on which money raised by loan order should be spent, I feel obliged to postpone any favorable action on such a playground as this until some future time.

I append herewith report of the chairman of the Park Department in which he sets forth that this is a very worthy object but the proposed expenditure does not meet with the approval of the Park Department at this time.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, February 18, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I have the order of the City Council that the sum of \$50,000 be appropriated for the removal of the ledge at the Stanley A. Ringer Playground.

In your previous administration a sum of money was appropriated for this purpose and certain parts of the ledge were removed. It would be inadvisable to remove the entire ledge as when the land was taken it was for the purpose of a park and playground combined.

Our studies on the Ringer Playground at the present time are incomplete. There is no question but what a portion of the ledge should be removed in order to enlarge the ball field, but \$50,000 would not be money enough to complete the entire improvements and I hesitate to take it by piecemeal.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

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APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments for the term ending April 30, 1930, viz.:

Constables: Joseph E. Ferreira, 17 Farnell street, Roxbury; Thomas Freedman, 16 Michigan avenue, Dorchester; Shepard S. Epstein, 1722 Commonwealth avenue; Patrick H. Murphy, 5 Althea street, Dorchester; Julius Ansel, 129 Norfolk street, Dorchester; Frederick R. Lawrence, 28 Bowdoin avenue, Dorchester; Alfred R. Mitchell, 28 Worcester street, city; Daniel E. Fallon, 63 Fort avenue, Roxbury.

Wheigher of Ice: Paul C. Morrison, 524 Benning-street, East Boston.

Severally laid over a week under the law.

HEATING SYSTEM IN HARBOR VIEW STREET SCHOOL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 24, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report of Louis K. Rourke, Superintendent of School Buildings, relative to inspecting the heating system in the Harbor View Street School. This communication is in reply to your order of February 10, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Department of School Buildings,
February 17, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—In reference to the order of the City Council requesting information concerning heating apparatus in the Harbor View Street School, the following data is submitted:

The building was erected in 1883 and about 1900 new furnaces were installed. In 1915 supplementing the above a hot water system was put in to furnish additional heat.

This is a wooden building and the casings and windows are shrinking more each year. We have had the heating system and windows checked over and some changes to the heating have been effected during the past two weeks. It is our intention to have the windows weather stripped at once.

During the summer the department will replace the furnaces with a steam heating system, \$4,000 having been allotted for that purpose.

Very truly yours,
LOUIS K. ROURKE,
Superintendent.

Placed on file.

HANDBALL COURT, SULLIVAN SQUARE PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 24, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit report to you from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, relative to establishing a concrete handball court at Sullivan Square Playground. This communication is in reply to your order of February 17, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, February 21, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I have your memorandum of February 20, with inclosure, order from the City Council

that the Park Department be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to erect a concrete handball court at the Sullivan Square Playground.

I regret exceedingly to inform you that I have no funds available for this purpose.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

Placed on file.

IMPROVEMENTS AT CHARLESTOWN PLAYGROUNDS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 24, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report of William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, relative to installing shower baths at Sullivan Square Playground and tennis courts at Charlestown Heights Playground. This communication is in reply to your order of February 17, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, February 21, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I have your memorandum of February 20, with inclosure, order from City Council that the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to include in its budget for 1930 sums sufficient for the installation of shower baths at Sullivan Square Playground; for tennis courts at Charlestown Heights Playgrounds, and for additional concrete bleachers at the Sullivan Square Playground.

At the present time we have shower baths at the Sullivan Square Playground. We have no playground known as the Bunker Hill Playground. I will be pleased to install a tennis court at the Charlestown Heights Playground at the opening of the season.

Regarding the concrete bleachers at the Sullivan Square Playground, this area is used for the 17th of June exercises yearly, and while such exercises continue it is inadvisable to attempt to erect concrete bleachers.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

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BUILDING AT DEWEY BEACH.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 24, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit report to you from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, relative to the construction of a building at Dewey Beach. This communication is in reply to your order of February 17, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, February 21, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I have your memorandum of February 20, with inclosure, order from City Council that the Park Commission be requested to investigate and report on the advisability of the removal of the present wooden building at Dewey Beach. We have no wooden building at Dewey Beach at the present time. We have a fireproof brick structure.

It would be inadvisable to attempt to install year-round shower baths at this isolated building, which was distinctly built for the accommodation of the summer bathers using Dewey Beach.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

Placed on file.

NEW JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, CHARLESTOWN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, February 24, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report of the Superintendent of School Buildings, relative to the new Junior High School, Charlestown. This communication is in reply to your order of February 17, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Department of School Buildings,
February 21, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—Replying to your memorandum regarding order passed by the City Council February 17, 1930, regarding proposed new Junior High School in Charlestown, I would say the land for this proposed school was taken as of November 14, 1929.

On November 23, 1929, this office addressed a communication to the Superintendent of Schools asking for a transfer of \$50,000 for plans for the proposed intermediate school. This transfer has not been made as yet, therefore this department can do nothing further on this matter.

The buildings at present located on this site will not be removed until it is necessary in order to erect the building.

We are sending a copy of the order passed by the City Council to the Superintendent of Schools for reply as to when action will be taken on this matter.

Very truly yours,
LOUIS K. ROURKE,
Superintendent.

Placed on file.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Mary and Jennie DeMaggio, for compensation for damage to property at 69 Hale street caused by backing up of water.

Bennett Dorfman, for compensation for damage to property caused by ash truck.

Mrs. George H. Dustin, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in St. Botolph street.

Anna Hauer, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Henry L. Pierce School.

S. L. Kenney, for compensation for damage to car by city cart.

A. Levy, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Market street, Brighton.

Cornelius D. Lyons, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Ambrose street, Roxbury.

Katherine Lyons, for compensation for damage to car by snowplow.

F. C. McDonald, for refund on refuse tickets.

Roderick P. Morrison, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Beach street.

Ocean Steamship Company of Savannah, for compensation for damage to lighter by fireboat.

John N. Preble, for compensation for damage to car by fire chief's car.

Ruth L. Swig, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Jessie Todd, for compensation for damage to property by ash truck.

Joseph Middleby, Jr., Inc., for compensation for damage to property at 327-347 Summer street, Boston, caused by break in water pipe.

Newfoundland Import and Export Company, Inc., for compensation for damage to property at 187A Blackstone street, caused by men from Municipal Employment Bureau.

Executive.

Petition for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement, viz.:

Ellen M. Carney, East Boston High School Hall, February 28, 1930.

Ruth M. McShane, Bernice Hall, February 21, 1930.

Petition of George W. Lowell, 108 Brooks street, Brighton, for land located on North Harvard street, bounded by Stadium road, William F. Smith Playground and land of Lillian U. Woods, shown on plan accompanying the petition, to be licensed as a place for outdoor athletic sports or games on the Lord's Day between hours of 2 and 6 p. m.

STORAGE AND SALE OF GASOLENE.

Notice was received from the Board of Street Commissioners that hearings would be held on March 10 on following petitions for storage and sale of gasoline, viz.:

Atlantic Refining Company, 74-84 Kneeland street, Ward 3, 4,000 gallons gasoline, 500 gallons oil.

Simon Keller, 1185 River street, Ward 18, 3,000 gallons.

John Manning, 634 Huntington avenue, Ward 4, 2,000 gallons.

Mechanics Iron Foundry Company, 38 Kemble street, Ward 8, 1,000 gallons.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The constables' bonds of William M. Lynch and John A. May, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, were received and approved.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS.

Notice was received of approval by the Commissioners of Civil Service of the following appointments by the Mayor, viz.:

Joseph A. Rourke, 10 Allston street, Brighton, Commissioner of Public Works.

John J. Martin, 132 Commonwealth avenue, Park Commissioner.

Theodore C. Haffenreffer, Park Commissioner.

Severally placed on file.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS PAY ROLL.

The pay roll of Registry of Deeds amounting to \$8,669.93, covering periods from January 20 to February 15 for piece work and February 16 to February 28, inclusive, for regular employees, was received and approved.

ARC LIGHTS ON WARD 13 STREETS.

Coun. McGRATH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an electric arc lamp on Harborview street, opposite Newport street.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an electric arc lamp in front of 16 Gramplan way, Ward 13.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

PERMITS FOR DUMPS, WARD 13.

Coun. McGRATH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to furnish the City Council with the names and addresses of all men or corporations holding permits for dumps in that section of Ward 13 adjacent to the Old Colony Boulevard.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SCHOOL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION.

Coun. McGRATH offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of the City of Boston hereby approves the enactment of legislation to enable the city to borrow, outside the debt

limit, the sum of \$5,000,000 each year for three years for school building construction.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ACCEPTANCE OF BRUNSWICK STREET.

Coun. RUBY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept as a public highway that part of Brunswick street, Ward 14, which is now unaccepted.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REWARD FOR APPREHENSION OF KIDNAPPER.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to offer a reward in the sum of one thousand dollars, in the name and on behalf of the City of Boston, for the apprehension of the man who kidnapped and assaulted Dolly Smith of Charlestown.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

GRADE CROSSING, MAIN STREET AND RUTHERFORD AVENUE.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct the Law Department to take the necessary steps to institute proceedings for the abolition of the crossing at grade of the Boston & Maine Railroad at Main street and Rutherford avenue, Charlestown.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PLAYGROUND, WARD 15.

Coun. KELLY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to advise the City Council of the approximate amount of money required to establish a playground for children under twelve years of age in the vicinity of Greenwich and Fenton streets, Ward 15.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ACCEPTANCE OF CLARKSON STREET.

Coun. KELLY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept that portion of Clarkson street from Quincy street to Hendry street, Ward 15.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

CONCRETE BLEACHERS, RONAN PARK.

Coun. KELLY offered the following:

Ordered, That the sum of ten thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commission for the erection of concrete bleachers, and the resurfacing and reseeding of Ronan Park, Ward 15, and that to meet such expense the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, at the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

HANDBALL COURT, LADDER HOUSE 27.

Coun. FISH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to establish a handball court in the rear of the Ladder 27 house on Walnut street, Neponset.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPAVING OF VALENTINE STREET.

Coun. ENGLERT offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave Valentine street, Ward 11, with smooth paving.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

CHAUNCY PLACE, WARD 11.

Coun. ENGLERT offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept as a public highway Chauncy place, Ward 11.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPAVING OF STREETS IN WARDS 7 AND 8.

Coun. DOWD offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Massachusetts avenue, from Albany street to Columbia road, Wards 7 and 8.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Norfolk avenue, from Hampden street to East Cottage street, Ward 8 and Ward 7.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

JOHNSON PLACE, WARD 17.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners, through his Honor the Mayor, be, and said Board hereby is, respectfully requested to lay out and accept as a public street Johnson place, Ward 17.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

HOUSE BILL NO. 82.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Legislative Committee of the Boston City Council be, and said committee hereby is, instructed to appear in support and record the Boston City Council in favor of the acceptance of House Bill No. 82 now pending in the Massachusetts Legislature concerning maximum wages of privates and officers in the Police Department and Fire Department of the City of Boston.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I introduce that order at this time supplementing an earlier order introduced with the idea of having the support of the City Council, through our legislative committee, of legislation for pensions for the families of police officers and firemen killed in performance of their duty. I think these orders should be more than mere gestures. The Legislative Committee of the City Council is appointed for a real purpose, I think, and where there is a possible opportunity in this case to do some real good in this way, I believe we should do it—not introducing an order at a time when everybody is excited about the hardship in some particular case, and then forget all about it sixty days later. I trust, therefore, that we will be well represented in favor of this bill in the interest of firemen and police officers in the City of Boston.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

LICENSING TAXICAB COMPANIES.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That a special committee consisting of five members of the City Council be appointed by the President for the purpose of obtaining information relating to the granting of licenses, parking or stand privileges to taxicab companies or taxicab owners in the City of Boston, and especially the compensation paid, if any, for the use of any part of any public street or streets by such company or owner to the owner or lessee of the property abutting on such street or streets, or to any other person; also information relating to any report made by

any special commission appointed in 1929 by virtue of Senate Bill 383 of 1929; and finally information relating to the legal right, if any, of the City of Boston to prevent the payment of any rentals or fees to private persons or corporations for the use of any public highway in the City of Boston for parking purposes.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I would like an opportunity to speak briefly on that order, bringing to the attention of the members of the Council, particularly the new members, what has been done earlier in this matter in the way of investigation, and so on, in the Council and the Legislature, with a view to action, up to the point where apparently an unseen hand interested in the existing taxicab privileges intervened and prevented action. We have, for example, the spectacle of taxicabs being allowed to stand out here across the street in front of City Hall, on a one-way street, barely wide enough for two vehicles to pass, and still the Council and the Legislature seem to be able to do nothing about it. On April 2, 1928, a former councilor introduced an order into this body for the appointment of a special committee of five members of the City Council for the purpose of obtaining information relative to the circumstances under which taxicab stands are allotted in the public highways adjacent to hotels, theaters and railroad terminals and other public places, together with the fees, and so forth, paid for these special privileges, with a view to increasing the city's revenue from this source. On that committee of five, four members not now members of this body were appointed. On July 16, 1928, I personally inquired of that committee whether any progress had been made in the previous two months in the matter of the proposed investigation, and whether we might expect a report. I then stated that it had been brought forcibly to my attention on July 11, 1928, at half-past ten in the morning, when I personally counted eleven Checker cabs parked on the Columbus avenue side of the Hotel Statler, five on the Arlington street side, and three on the St. James street side, and again, on July 14, at the South Station, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when I personally counted seventeen taxicabs on the Summer street side of the South Station alone, and that again on the morning of July 16 I had noticed lines of traffic coming down School street, making their usual mass formation immediately on approaching four or more Town taxicabs that are allowed to park in a one-way street across from City Hall. Therefore, on July 16, 1928, I asked that committee what progress, if any, had been made in the matter of an investigation. I repeated that request on September 25, 1928, at which time the chairman of the committee replied, "I believe that the committee are now about ready to make up their report. It is a long report. I am going to call a meeting for the purpose of writing up the report and the evidence presented to the members of that committee." On November 19, 1928, I again inquired whether any report was ready, but it appeared that it was not ready at that time, the chairman of the committee stating that the committee felt that they wanted to present an intelligent report on the matter, and felt that they should have further time. On December 31, 1928, the last day of the session, I would call to your attention the fact—in spite of the earlier statements to the effect that they wished to make a long report and wanted to make an intelligent report—in the very closing minutes of the year, this was the report that was made: "The Special Committee on Investigation of Taxicabs respectfully submits that it held several public hearings at the chamber of the City Council; that on account of the inability of the city to compel the attendance of witnesses it was unable to secure the kind of information on which to base an intelligent report. Your committee therefore recommends that the investigation asked for, if it is still desired by the Council, be referred to the next City Council." That was the fate of this matter in the Council of 1928. I hold in my hand House Bills 279 and 453, both introduced by Representative Finnegan of the Dorchester district, and both very effectively killed by Senate Bills No. 296 and 383. I understand that Senate Bill No. 383—the purpose of which was to kill Representative Finnegan's House Bill 453—was a resolve providing for an investigation by a special unpaid commission of the carriage and taxicab situation in the City of Boston, in place of Representative Finnegan's bill, 453, which was an act regulating taxicab fares in the City of Boston, and that the result under the substitute

Senate Bill was that the thing died a natural death. My purpose in introducing this particular order at this time, phrased in detail as it is, is to find out, once and for all by a committee that will not lie down whether the City of Boston is going to allow two inside taxicab companies to virtually monopolize the business in the City of Boston, paying rentals to hotels and railroads in the City of Boston, for the privilege of using the city streets—making payments to the tune of \$20,000 and \$30,000 a year in the case of certain hotels affected. I say it is about time that we found out about the situation, in view of the way the matter was hushed up in 1928 and in the Legislature of the past year; that the time has come for us to find out whether the City Council should properly control this matter by ordinance, through the Board of Street Commissioners or otherwise, or whether the matter is to be left in the hands of the hotel owners and the railroads. Certainly, the matter should be handled by some authority, either the Board of Street Commissioners or the Police Commissioner—and I have all the respect in the world for the present Police Commissioner, leaving to one side the fact that he is appointed by the Governor of the Commonwealth. I simply want to know why the use of our streets should be let to two taxicab companies. I feel that it is time that that sort of thing was stopped. Second, I would like to know why these amounts, I understand \$25,000 to \$30,000 in the case of some hotels, should be paid for the use of the city's streets in this way to private company owners. I say further that this is something that is not allowed elsewhere in the United States or Canada, permitting the use of the city's streets in any such manner. Therefore, I ask the appointment of five men who will not lie down, to look into the matter.

The order was referred to the Committee on Rules.

WARD 20 IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. COX offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out a sewer in Swallow street, Ward 20, from La Grange street to Cottage street.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to place a sidewalk on each side of Summer street, Ward 20, from Powell street to Autumn street.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Knoll street, Ward 20, between Centre street and Selwyn street, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Abbott street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

ACCEPTANCE OF WARD 19 STREETS.

Coun. MURRAY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Hawthorne street, from Sycamore street to end, Ward 19, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Fifth road, Ward 19, from Washington to Florence streets, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out St. Peter street, Ward 19, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Beecher street, Ward 19, as a public highway.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

ELECTRIC SPOT LIGHT, UNION SQUARE.

Coun. HEIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Police Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide for the installation of an electric spot light over the traffic office stationed at Union square, Brighton.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RELOCATION OF BOULEVARD LAMPS.

Coun. HEIN offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to provide in this year's budget the sum of eight thousand dollars for the relocation and substitution of boulevard lamps for the existing lights on Commonwealth avenue, between Warren and Lake streets.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

President LYNCH called up, under unfinished business, Nos. 1 and 2 on the calendar, viz.:

1. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor February 17, 1930, of Frederick A. Cronin, John A. Brennan, James J. Twohig, Jr., George Leary and Henry Lorey, to be Constables.

2. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor February 17, 1930, of Peter McIver and Frank T. Leahy, to be Weighers of Coal; and Paul Sanders, to be a Weigher of Goods.

The question came on confirmation. Committee, Coun. Fish and Mahoney. Whole number of ballots 20, yeas 20, and the appointments were confirmed.

RECESS.

On motion of Coun. BUSH, the Council voted, at 2.30 p. m., to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The members reassembled in the Council Chamber, and were called to order by President LYNCH at 3.43 p. m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. MAHONEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on petitions (referred today) for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement, viz.:

Ellen M. Carney, East Boston High School Hall, February 28, 1930; Ruth M. McShane, Bernice Hall, February 21, 1930,—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted under the usual conditions.

2. Report on order (referred today) for action relative to grade crossing at Main street and Rutherford avenue,—that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

3. Report on message from the Mayor and ordinance (referred today) establishing new tariff of tolls for passengers and vehicles on East Boston ferries,—that same ought to pass.

The report of the committee was accepted and the ordinance was passed.

Later in the session Coun. WILSON said:

Mr. President, I move a reconsideration of the vote whereby we passed the order submitted by the Mayor concerning a decrease in the tolls over the East Boston Ferry. Unfortunately, I was not in the room when the report of the Executive Committee was presented, and so could not present my views at that time. As I stated in the other room, we had some figures last year, when the increase in toll was proposed by the Mayor at that time, that there was a deficit of \$700,000 per year as a result of running the ferries. The proposed increase advocated by Mayor Nichols would wipe out from a quarter to a third of the deficit, still leaving an annual deficit of about half a million dollars a year, which would mean a tax of 50 cents on every house in the city, including those in the district I represent in Dorchester, to pay for this deficit in connection with the East Boston Ferry. I appreciate the fact that the people of East Boston require transportation back and forth. I also appreciate the fact that people

coming into the city from East Boston and going back again can cross the ferry for one-tenth of the amount that it costs the people of Dorchester to come into Boston. So I think before the members of this body—at least, the old members of the Council—turn a complete somersault on this matter from the vote they cast last September, they should at least have the figures available, so that they will know what they are about. In other words, when the Mayor of this year submits to us an order to decrease the fare, and when so recently we had before us the proposition of increasing the schedule, I think we should at least have a week to consider the figures before voting. I, for one, would certainly like that opportunity, to compare the figures as presented last year with the figures representing the proposed decrease at this time. Until I see those figures, I, for one, am not prepared to take a position. It seems to me there is something very strange if truck drivers are not willing to spend 20 cents to cross on the ferries, with the saving in time, gasoline, tires, oil, wear and tear on their trucks. I feel that certainly the figures should be looked into, and I also feel that the rest of the city is entitled to a break. I am surprised to see the members of the Council so unanimously here today, after what happened here last September, vote to add 50 cents tax to every house in Dorchester and other sections of the city, because of this reduction in tolls. Therefore, I move assignment of the order for one week, so that we may not only look into the old schedule of rates, of 1887, but may also examine into the so-called Nichols rates and the schedules now presented by Mayor Curley, so that the boys in the chamber may at least know what they are voting upon.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, I would like to ask the gentleman from Dorchester one question—if he can give me a substantial reason to the members of the City Council and to the people of Boston why there should be a toll at all on ferries going over to East Boston or on the East Boston Tunnel? Can you give me a good, substantial reason why there should be a toll imposed on the people of East Boston?

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I can give two reasons—the first is that the people of Dorchester are carried into the City of Boston on the Boston Elevated, paying a 10-cent fare, while people can go to and from East Boston on the ferry for one cent. And I wish to say also that there is a vast difference between driving a 6-ton truck for a distance over the streets of this city, a going around by Charlestown and driving the same truck onto the ferry and have it carried, not under its own power, but by the ferry, across to East Boston. As I understand the attitude of the gentleman from East Boston, his real inward feeling is that nothing should be paid for going to East Boston either overhead, underground or on the water, either by bridge, tunnel or ferry. He would not really want a toll charge in any of them.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, consistency is a virtue. The councilor talks about a man coming from Dorchester to Boston and paying 10 cents to come into the city. Let me briefly refresh his memory in regard to the situation in the East Boston Tunnel. People who use the East Boston Tunnel pay a 6-cent fare, one cent of which is a toll tax. Today the total valuation of Ward 1 is over \$51,000,000, while the total valuation of Ward 17 is but about \$35,000,000. That is, East Boston pays on a valuation of about \$16,000,000 more than the Dorchester district represented by the gentleman. It is true that people can come over by the East Boston Tunnel and pay one cent, but they ride less than a mile in making the transit. But if they take the street cars, of course, it is a different question. And it is also to be remembered that if there were a zoning of the transportation system, people coming from Dorchester, Lower Mills and other parts of the district, who do not now pay their share of the freight, would pay much more than they do. As I say, briefly, the question of taxation is an old one, as I have stated, or Ward 1 pays on a valuation of over \$51,000,000 and the gentleman's district on a valuation of something over \$35,000,000, resulting in the people of East Boston paying on about \$16,000,000 more of taxable property than the people of Dorchester. There are only seven wards in our city that pay more in taxation than East Boston does. That you can see by examining the statistics. East Boston became a part of the City of Boston

in 1637; South Boston in 1804; Roxbury in 1868; Dorchester in 1870; Brighton, Charlestown and West Roxbury in 1874—West Roxbury having at one time been a part of Roxbury, but becoming separated from it, Roxbury becoming a part of Boston in 1868, and West Roxbury later coming in, in 1874; and Hyde Park in 1912. But East Boston has been a part of Boston ever since 1637, and has been confronted year after year with the old toll system. The people of East Boston pay taxes, Mr. President; they have always been a part of Boston. I might give one striking example. If a man in the Dorchester district goes to Boston and buys fish he pays \$5 a hundred to get it back to Dorchester. A man from East Boston, under the present toll, has to pay \$5.42 to get the fish back to East Boston. I merely point that out to bring vividly to your mind the fact that the people of East Boston are heavily taxed under these tolls for their transportation and for the necessities and commodities of life, and if the present situation continues they will be compelled to pay, as compared with the people of the rest of the city, an excess amount. That certainly is not justice, Mr. President.

Coun. HEIN—The taxicabs, I understand, have to pay extra, and I suppose they charge the passengers an additional fare over that required by the meter, going over your way?

Coun. DONOVAN—They have not been doing it, but I understand that they are going to make such a charge.

Coun. BUSH—Mr. President, some one once said that all comparisons are odious, and the comparison that the councilor from Dorchester makes is a particularly odious one to me, when he states that the foot passengers from East Boston, coming to the city, pay only one-tenth of what the people of Dorchester have to pay. As a matter of fact, Mr. President, if the citizens of Dorchester desire to do so, they can walk by the most direct route into the city proper. There is nothing to stop them from doing so, except the fact that it involves a little exercise and some wear on shoe leather. The citizens of East Boston, on the other hand, cannot walk to Boston, unless they desire to go around by way of Chelsea and Charlestown, or unless they invoke the aid of water wings or an airplane. As I said in the executive session, there is a high rate charged, an increased rate charged, for the ferry toll service to and from that part of the City of Boston known as East Boston. They are not only isolated, but the rates are discriminatory, inasmuch as they keep business people from using the ferries, and that sort of thing increases, if anything, the deficit that the city has to bear. Whether that deficit is a just or unjust one is a controversial matter. We all recognize the fact, I believe, that every outlying district which is a part of the City of Boston is entitled to reasonable transportation. The fare to every other part of the city is the same, on electric cars or trains. It is all the same to any part of the city. The only part of the city which is discriminated against at the present time is that part known as East Boston. Now, the present ordinance requests not free passage to East Boston—which I am more or less inclined to believe ought to be furnished—but merely a decrease in the excessive rates passed last year, in anticipation of another method of transportation between East Boston and the city proper, namely, the tunnel. That, however, is still in the far distant future. We certainly cannot expect the tunnel to be completed this year. It seems to me there is considerable justification for residents of East Boston stating that until that tunnel is built and in operation they ought to be provided with the proper kind of transportation at a reasonable rate. This increased rate serves to effectually cut off East Boston from the rest of the city. It serves to block, hinder and delay easy transportation. True, it provides the foot passenger with transportation at the one-cent rate, but surely the man who owns an automobile and who travels over the highways is entitled to equal consideration with a man in other parts of the city, if he lives in East Boston, and surely the business interests of East Boston are entitled to consideration, because every addition to the rates for transportation of merchandise and freight must be passed on to the consumers in East Boston. Some one has to pay for that increase in rate. The people of East Boston are just as much entitled to fair, just and equitable distribution as are people from other parts of the city. I think the majority of the members of the Council here will agree with

me that the request for a moderate decrease in the rates is a just one, and I recommend its passage.

Coun. CURTIS—Mr. President, I agree entirely that the people of East Boston are entitled to a fair decrease in the rate, but I also feel that we are entitled to know the facts. Mention was made in the committee room about the doubling or trebling of the amount of the old rates. I have not been able to find what the facts are. I agree with the councilor from Dorchester (Coun. Wilson) that before we vote on this important matter we should at least have before us the three schedules. Then, if we find that the rates are so high as to drive traffic over the road by way of Charlestown, instead of by the ferry, we can act with the facts in mind. But I certainly feel that we should know the facts before acting upon the matter.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, perhaps I might briefly reply to the gentleman from the Back Bay by stating that when the gentleman from Dorchester referred to a deficit of from \$500,000 to \$700,000 a year in the running of the ferries, it is also a fact, as I understand, that in the Bridge Department, whose duty it is to maintain the bridges of the City of Boston, there is also a deficit of \$700,000. But that seems to be a horse of another color. The same reasoning applies to ferries, Mr. President, that applies to bridges. Now, it is a fact that the rates previously in vogue, in 1929 were increased 300 per cent. That is, if it cost you before 3 cents for an automobile, the present rate would be about 20 cents.

Coun. CURTIS—What would be the increase here under the proposed rate?

Coun. DONOVAN—150 per cent, or an increase to 10 or 12 cents. But what is here proposed is at least a modification, a reduction of a 300 per cent increase. This idea of taxing East Boston, Mr. President, is an old cry. As a matter of fact, there should not be a toll of any kind for the people of East Boston on the ferry. That is not what is being claimed here at the present time, however. This merely proposes a reduction in the toll for the people of that district. Of course, in the old days tolls were paid in going from the heart of the city to other sections—to Dorchester, to Charlestown, and I believe to Cambridge. But they were an old idea, a relic of the past, and they have been removed except in the case of East Boston. As I say, however, we are not even claiming here today that the tolls should be removed, but are asking for a modification of a too high rate, which seriously affects the citizens and the business interests of this city.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, when the councilor from East Boston refers to consistency being a virtue, I am not claiming to be consistently virtuous in this particular case, but I would like to answer the argument of the gentleman from Roxbury (Coun. Bush) when he speaks of the possibility of walking into the heart of the city from the Dorchester district. He was the one who stated that comparisons were odious, and they are particularly so in this case, because if a Dorchester man should walk from Dorchester to the downtown section, he would have five or six miles to cover, whereas an East Boston man going from Maverick square by way of Charlestown would have to walk only about three miles. So, on that basis also, Dorchester gets the short end of it. With all due modesty, I must also remind the gentleman from East Boston that my ward is only one-fifth of that glorious district. The gentleman from the Back Bay (Coun. Curtis) states the real situation here as far as the members of this Council are concerned, and it is something that the gentleman from East Boston should recognize. We are entitled to have a proper opportunity for the consideration of facts in these matters. We all realize, of course, the position of the gentleman from East Boston. It is a natural thing that he should wish to have the ferry tolls reduced or removed entirely. That is a thing in which his district is particularly interested, and he, just as you or I under the same circumstances, wants to reduce or eliminate the toll. But I cannot for the life of me understand what objection the gentleman from East Boston can have to letting the boys see and examine the three sets of figures, to see whether the present rates are extortionate, to see whether rates should be increased or decreased. I haven't anything against the people of East Boston, except in so far as this proposition directly affects the people of the ward I represent. If necessary money is not raised in one

way, it must be raised in another, and if these tolls are not paid or are reduced the expense must be levied on other parts of the city. Let us at least have a chance to examine into the facts, to see whether the ferries are expensive or inexpensive. If it is a question whether we shall try to do away with a deficit of \$700,000 a year, or whether we shall allow four or five contracting concerns to use these ferries for little or nothing, and let the rest of the city pay the bills, I think we should know it. Are we to allow free trucking and teaming privileges to certain companies? I don't know why this deficit should be made up by corresponding assessments on the people of Dorchester or other sections. So I say that the argument which has been thus far advanced in favor of the reduction or abolition of these tolls is bunkum. It is not a question of whether we should have a ferry or not, but whether we should run the ferry at a deficit of \$700,000. It is not a question at this moment even of whether the tolls are enough, but a question of what fair tolls are.

It is a matter that we should look into, and we have not had that opportunity. The gentleman from East Boston doesn't want any tolls. But I say at least there should be no objection to putting the matter over for one week. We can then have an opportunity to consider whether the rates now in existence are proper rates or not, or whether the rates suggested by Mayor Curley should be adopted, and also to consider whether or not Councilor Donovan's proposition is fair. Obviously, there can be no legitimate objection to an opportunity for proper consideration. Certainly you gentlemen of the Council do not object to learning something before you vote on a matter.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, I would simply say in reply to the gentleman that this is the result of an order that I introduced five weeks ago asking for improvement in transportation facilities for East Boston. The Mayor has the data, has looked into the matter, and as a result of his investigation has sent to us the order which is before us today. He shows that, as a practical matter, there is a 40 per cent decrease in the utilization of the East Boston ferries, as a result of the increased charges. Some of you men are familiar with the East Boston ferries, and know what the situation has been in the past and what it is now. You know that last year on every trip of a boat to or from East Boston you would find on the boat thirty or forty vehicles being transported. Today there are but fifteen vehicles being transported on each boat. Before the change in rates it was customary to have a line, sometimes half a mile long, waiting for a chance to get on the boat. At the present time there are no vehicles waiting to be transported to and from East Boston. I think the gentleman from Dorchester (Coun. Wilson) despite the opinion he has expressed here today realizes full well what the situation is with regard to the East Boston Ferry, and I believe he is thoroughly familiar with the rates that have existed and the rates that it is proposed to put into effect on the East Boston ferries. He understands the situation today. It is a fact, Mr. President, that the rates that were put into effect at the suggestion of the Mayor last year were too high, extortionate, and that those rates should be decreased.

Coun. HEIN—Question!

Coun. Wilson's motion to reconsider and to lay the matter over to the next meeting was declared carried.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, may I also move at this time that the clerk obtain, first, the 1887, old rates and schedules, second, the Nichols rates, and third, the rates proposed by Mayor Curley, so that we may know what we are voting on a week from today.

President LYNCH—That will be carried out.

COST OF NEW COURTHOUSE, ROXBURY.

Coun. BUSH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to furnish the City Council with an estimate of the cost for the purchase of land and construction of a building suitable for a new courthouse for the Roxbury district, adequate in size to furnish complete facilities for the transaction of the busi-

ness of the said court, and additional rooms for the Grand Army of the Republic and the Roxbury Historical Society.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ACCEPTANCE OF MT. PLEASANT STREET.

Coun. BUSH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept as a public highway Mt. Pleasant street, from Homestead street to Ruthven street, Ward 12.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPAVING OF ABBOTSFORD STREET, WARD 12.

Coun. BUSH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Abbottsford street, Ward 12.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

TAXICAB INVESTIGATION.

Coun. DONOVAN, for the Committee on Rules, submitted the following:

1. Report on order (referred today) that a special committee of five members of the City Council be appointed for purpose of obtaining information ~~in re~~ granting of licenses, parking or stand privileges to taxicab companies and amount of compensation paid, etc.,—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

President LYNCH appointed as said committee Coun. Wilson, Donovan, McGrath, Mahoney, Ruby.

PAYMENT OF AID TO SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

Coun. MAHONEY, for the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, submitted report recommending passage of order for payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families living in the City of Boston for the month of February, 1930.

Report accepted; said order passed.

REWARD FOR APPREHENSION OF KIDNAPPER.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be, and is hereby, authorized, under the provisions of section 10 of chapter 276 of the General Laws, to offer a reward of five hundred dollars for the detection or apprehension of the person who kidnapped Dorothy Smith from Belmont street, Charlestown; said sum to be paid from the Reserve Fund.

Coun. GREEN—Mr. President, before the meeting of the Executive Committee I introduced an order to appropriate \$1,000 for the arrest or apprehension of the monster and pervert who kidnapped a little girl on the streets of the Charlestown district, which I represent. I find now from the City Clerk that only \$500 can be appropriated for such a purpose, and I am accordingly introducing a substitute order at this time, making the amount \$500.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

CHARLESTOWN IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to consider the advisability of discontinuing the Warren-Bunker Hill School following the completion of the new Junior High School in Charlestown.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to

consider the advisability and feasibility of widening Warren street, Charlestown, from City square to Thompson square.

Ordered, That the Park Commission consider the advisability and feasibility of having the parks and playgrounds in Charlestown policed twenty-four hours daily either by members of the Police Department or by Park Department employees.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALKS IN WARD 1.

Coun. DONOVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Condor street between Meridian and Glendon streets, Ward 1, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Ford street, from Saratoga street to Breed street, Ward 1, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS FOR WARD 4.

Coun. ARNOLD offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Pembroke street, Ward 4.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Rutland square, Ward 4.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Wigglesworth street, Ward 4.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Autumn street, Ward 4.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving St. Stephen street, Ward 4.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Parker street, Ward 4.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along West Newton street, from Huntington avenue to Tremont street, Ward 4, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Huntington avenue, from Copley square to Massachusetts avenue, Ward 4, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

RESURFACING OF GORE STREET.

Coun. POWER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Gore street, Ward 10.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

EXTENSION OF BOYLSTON STREET SUBWAY.

Coun. POWER offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council favors the enactment of legislation extending the Boylston Street Subway through Huntington avenue to Brookline Village.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS IN HYDE PARK.

Coun. NORTON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide for the reconstruction of Almont street, Ward 18, between Walk Hill and Alabama streets, during the present year.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Almont street, from Walk Hill street to Alabama street, Ward 18, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

SALARY OF ASSISTANT CLERK OF COMMITTEES.

Coun. HEIN offered the following:

An Ordinance Concerning the Salary of the Assistant Clerk of Committees.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Chapter three of the Revised Ordinances of 1925 is hereby amended in section five in the clause establishing the salaries of the officers connected with the City Council by striking out, after the words "the assistant clerk of committees," the words "thirty seven hundred fifty dollars," and inserting in place thereof the words "four thousand dollars."

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

Adjourned, on motion of Coun. RUBY, at 4.15 p. m., to meet on Monday, March 3, 1930, at 2 p. m.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, March 3, 1930.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President LYNCH in the chair and all the members present.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn under the law (Coun. Ruby being designated by the President to preside at the box in the absence of the Mayor), as follows:

Twenty-five traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, First Session, April Sitting, to appear April 7, 1930:

John Staffery, Ward 1; William Thompson, Ward 2; Louis H. Pollach, Ward 3; Cornelius A. Sullivan, Ward 3; Patrick Donovan, Ward 4; Nathaniel Roberts, Ward 5; Patrick J. Shields, Ward 6; Charles R. Track, Ward 8; Bartlett F. Barrett, Ward 10; Hugh F. McMullen, Ward 10; Lester H. Dana, Ward 11; Thomas J. O'Brien, Ward 11; Timothy C. O'Connell, Ward 11; Nathan J. Gropper, Ward 12; Stephen T. Cleary, Ward 13; Stanley R. Meeker, Ward 17; John J. Austin, Ward 18; Eskel O. Carlson, Ward 18; Ernest E. Gray, Ward 18; Chester L. Nason, Ward 18; George A. Vance, Ward 18; Charles S. Walker, Ward 18; Joseph J. Carson, Ward 20; Frank W. Buttrick, Ward 22; Edward C. Webster, Ward 22.

Twenty-seven traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Second Session, April Sitting, to appear April 7, 1930:

Lewis B. Leary, Ward 1; Jeremiah Harrington, Ward 2; Harold Frederick Stevenson, Ward 2; Archibald A. McPhail, Ward 4; Edward Bartlett, Ward 5; Harry Coaley, Ward 5; Leon A. Achorn, Ward 8; Joseph M. Brown, Ward 9; John B. Lyons, Jr., Ward 10; Charles A. Stokinger, Ward 11; Jacob Diamond, Ward 12; Ezra W. Lurvey, Ward 12; Melbourne P. Miller, Ward 12; Edward J. McGovern, Ward 13; Harry Garber, Ward 14; Philip A. Robrish, Ward 14; David Silver, Ward 14; John E. Doyle, Ward 15; James F. Breen, Ward 16; Max Bernhardt, Ward 17; John J. Hickey, Ward 18; Edward McCarthy, Ward 19; John Tiews, Ward 19; Warren Godfrey, Ward 20; Edward W. Meha, Ward 20; Michael F. J. Diggins, Ward 22; Raymond L. McPhail, Ward 22.

Twenty-five traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Third Session, April Sitting, to appear April 7, 1930:

Asa H. Josselyn, Ward 1; Hugh J. Montgomery, Ward 1; John J. Vaughn, Ward 1; Fred G. Essenhimer, Ward 4; Fred Harkness, Ward 4; Patrick Hallihan, Ward 5; Joseph F. Connelly, Ward 6; Michael Geaney, Ward 6; William A. Glynn, Ward 9; Joel A. Rosenlof, Ward 9; Thomas F. McCall, Jr., Ward 10; Walter E. Barber, Ward 11; Timothy C. Shuckrowe, Ward 11; Patrick A. Whelan, Ward 11; John F. Wise, Ward 12; Joseph J. Clark, Ward 13; Michael McNamara, Ward 13; Clyde O. Wheelock, Ward 13; Charles S. Cohen, Ward 14; James F. Dacey, Ward 16; John J. Muldoon, Ward 16; Andrew E. McShea, Ward 18; George H. Brauer, Ward 20; Lewis J. Dickey, Ward 20; George W. Peacock, Ward 20.

Twenty-nine traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Fourth Session, April Sitting, to appear April 7, 1930:

David T. Fenner, Ward 1; William J. Jordan, Ward 2; Benjamin J. Green, Ward 3; Joseph A. O'Keefe, Ward 3; Moses Reah, Ward 3; John J. Doherty, Ward 6; John J. Higgins, Ward 6; Frank J. Conroy, Ward 7; Thomas H. Float, Ward 8; Thomas J. Flynn, Ward 8; George H. Walsh, Ward 8; James J. Nolan, Ward 10; James W. Boleman, Ward 12; Phillip T. Doherty, Ward 13; Alfred H. Robinson, Ward 13; William Hornberg,

Ward 14; Samuel Stein, Ward 14; Henry Goldsmith, Ward 15; William L. Murray, Ward 16; Albin J. Neilson, Ward 16; Arthur S. Cowan, Ward 18; Herbert A. Fish, Ward 18; John A. Stoltz, Ward 18; Henry F. Ferguson, Ward 19; Harold R. Pugsley, Ward 19; Clifton W. Gregg, Ward 20; George W. Smith, Ward 20; Thomas J. Morrissey, Ward 22; Robert Naughton, Jr., Ward 22.

Twenty-eight traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Fifth Session, April Sitting, to appear April 7, 1930:

John Baptista, Ward 1; Albert L. Kelley, Ward 1; Patrick Long, Ward 1; Maurice Woolf, Ward 1; William L. McLean, Ward 2; Daniel F. Regan, Ward 2; Everett Moss, Jr., Ward 5; Walter R. Bartlett, Ward 6; Charles A. Dodge, Ward 9; Patrick H. Noonan, Ward 11; Harry D. Ross, Ward 12; Thomas L. Carey, Ward 13; Patrick R. Giblin, Ward 13; Herbert W. Russell, Ward 14; Arthur Whitney, Ward 14; John H. Kearns, Ward 15; Otto W. Anderson, Ward 16; Michael F. Carroll, Ward 16; George Ingham, Ward 18; Louis B. Adams, Ward 19; Charles S. Greene, Ward 19; William E. Ricker, Ward 19; Frederick D. Begley, Ward 19; Carl J. A. Benson, Ward 20; James W. Shepard, Ward 20; Samuel F. Davis, Ward 21; Harrison W. Gilbert, Ward 22; William A. Marr, Ward 22.

Twenty-five traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Sixth Session, April Sitting, to appear April 7, 1930:

Harry Fay Russell, Ward 1; James F. Lawlor, Ward 2; Timothy O'Brien, Ward 2; Walter C. Davis, Ward 4; Milton O. Thompson, Ward 4; Patrick J. Garvey, Ward 5; Clarence H. Jacobs, Ward 5; Ernest G. Lundberg, Ward 7; Samuel McLaren, Ward 7; Charles J. Quinn, Ward 8; William Rimmer, Ward 10; Charles McCarthy, Ward 11; William Shapiro, Ward 12; John D. Diggins, Ward 13; Albert E. Hubart, Ward 13; Samuel I. Maurice, Ward 14; Michael J. O'Malley, Ward 15; Richard T. Delaney, Ward 16; Count J. Johnson, Ward 18; Edwin J. Soderlund, Ward 18; George Moore, Ward 19; James B. Shea, Ward 19; Leonard C. Daniels, Ward 21; Benjamin A. Prager, Ward 21; Louis E. Williams, Ward 21.

Twenty-seven traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Seventh Session, April Sitting, to appear April 7, 1930.

Frank S. Price, Ward 4; William G. Rueter, Ward 5; William Dalzell, Ward 6; Joseph E. Larkin, Ward 6; Frank C. Brophy, Ward 8; Joseph N. Flanagan, Ward 10; Cornelius J. O'Brien, Ward 11; Lawrence F. Oliver, Ward 12; David Goldman, Ward 14; George W. Goodwin, Ward 14; Louis Nanez, Ward 14; Theodore F. Fandel, Ward 15; Patrick V. Sullivan, Ward 15; William K. Nelson, Ward 16; William N. Crowell, Ward 17; Joseph A. Greene, Ward 17; Louis Gale, Ward 18; David Kirby, Ward 18; John P. Mitchell, Ward 18; Crowell T. Roberts, Ward 18; Simon A. Vero, Ward 18; James Francis Cullen, Ward 19; William C. Hanson, Ward 19; Bartlett W. Eldredge, Ward 20; John B. Knox, Ward 21; Albert E. Sullivan, Ward 21; John W. Broderick, Ward 22.

Thirty-one traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, First Session; to appear April 7, 1930:

Alexander S. Findley, Ward 1; Harold Spear, Ward 4; Alfred R. McIntyre, Ward 5; John F. Owens, Ward 5; Joseph P. Connaughton, Ward 6; Francis J. Hallahan, Ward 6; Joseph E. Murphy, Ward 8; Walter F. Edmunds, Ward 9; Joseph F. Murphy, Ward 9; Kerin D. Whittaker, Ward 9; James A. McCaffrey, Ward 10; Herman Feer, Ward 12; William F. Tobin, Ward 13; Harry Grossman, Ward 14; Thomas J. Kennedy, Ward 16; Morris K. Leventhal, Ward 14; Jacob Linsky, Ward 14; Leon Nochemsen, Ward 14; Edmund J. Daly, Ward 17; John T. Joyce, Ward 17; Howard H. Linnell, Ward 17; Maurice P. Shedd, Ward 17; Harry Levine, Ward 14; Charles L. Carter, Ward 18; Walter H. Smith, Ward 18; Stanley G. Bayer, Ward 19; Frederick W. Spear, Ward 19; James M. Stack, Ward 19; George B. Pearson, Ward 20; Edwin R. Doremus, Ward 21; Richard J. Fleming, Ward 22.

Nine traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, Second Session, to appear April 9, 1930:

William F. Cushing, Ward 2; Louis H. Sears, Ward 4; William A. Carey, Ward 10; John Cottrell,

Ward 15: John Nelson, Ward 20: Edwin I. Warshawer, Ward 20: Stephen G. Brickett, Ward 21: Malachi J. Finnegan, Ward 22: Henry Gartland, Ward 22.

Thirty-one traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, Fourth Session, to appear April 7, 1930:

William J. Watson, Ward 1; Abraham Morse, Ward 2; Charles A. Fuller, Ward 3; Edward J. Maguire, Ward 3; Frederick M. Osgood, Ward 4; Benjamin F. Curtis, Ward 5; Daniel J. Donovan, Ward 6; Henry H. O'Connor, Ward 6; John J. Hennessey, Ward 8; Henry W. Brennan, Ward 7; Paul Psoto, Ward 7; Raymond A. Young, Ward 7; Charles H. Bonfeldt, Ward 10; Patrick Cotter, Ward 10; Thomas O'Connor, Ward 10; John E. Noonan, Ward 11; Guy W. Lucas, Ward 12; Howard J. Taft, Ward 12; David J. Cole, Ward 13; Albert E. Smith, Ward 13; Harry Peterson, Ward 15; Henry J. White, Ward 16; George W. Harlow, Ward 17; William H. Russell, Ward 17; Thomas R. Duggan, Ward 18; Thomas J. McCone, Ward 19; Frank Reynolds, Ward 19; Frank G. Drewett, Ward 20; Edwin J. Keyes, Ward 21; Frank A. Burke, Ward 22; David J. Murphy, Ward 22.

Thirty-one traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, Fifth Session, to appear April 14, 1930:

Albert A. Richardson, Ward 1; Frank J. Palmer, Ward 7; Michael F. Ryan, Ward 4; Arthur E. J. Shaw, Ward 4; John Powers, Ward 5; Francis A. Shea, Ward 5; Edward A. Weeks, Jr., Ward 5; George A. Baldwin, Ward 9; George Nolen, Ward 10; Peter L. Archibald, Ward 11; Fred S. Arnold, Ward 11; Samuel C. Clayton, Ward 12; Thomas E. Masterson, Ward 12; John A. Brack, Ward 14; William E. Ganer, Ward 14; Maurice Kahn, Ward 14; Joseph A. Marotto, Ward 14; Tileston J. Bostwick, Ward 15; John J. Ayers, Ward 16; Dominick Rogers, Ward 16; George M. Barrett, Ward 17; Charles A. Petersen, Ward 18; Berthold W. Uriot, Ward 18; Herbert L. Watson, Ward 18; Henry S. Bacon, Ward 19; William G. Marple, Ward 19; Charles H. Hayes, Ward 20; Irving H. Ward, Ward 20; John M. Armstrong, Ward 21; Charles C. Paul, Ward 21; Thomas Gibbons, Ward 22.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the following appointments were submitted by the Mayor for the term ending April 30, 1930, viz.:

Constables: James P. Hayes, 68 Woodlawn street, Forest Hills; Edgar F. Callahan, 524 Cambridge street, Allston; Archibald W. Ready, 41 Sheridan street, Jamaica Plain; Hyman Rossmann, 22 Crawford street, Roxbury; William T. J. O'Malley, 11 Bynner street, Roxbury; William J. Galby, 64 Glendale street, Dorchester; John Kelly, 80 Boylston street, Boston; John H. Logue, 1381 Washington street, Roxbury; Charles E. Dowd, 102 Gainsborough street, city.

Weighers: Hugh P. McColgan, 81 Bunker Hill street, Charlestown; Thomas J. Duffley, 40 Reyem street, Jamaica Plain.

Severally laid over for a week under the law.

HANDBALL COURT, ENGINE HOUSE 29.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, March 3, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Eugene C. Hultman, Acting Fire Commissioner, relative to establishing a handball court in the rear of the house of Engine 29, on Chestnut Hill avenue. This is in reply to your order of February 17, 1930.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Fire Department, February 24, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I return herewith the following order from the City Council:

Ordered, That the Acting Fire Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to establish a handball court in the rear of the house of Engine Company 29, on Chestnut Hill avenue.

In reply thereto I would say that I have received no request from the members of the department quartered in this station for a handball court.

Before getting an estimate of the cost for such a court I am of the opinion that the members should make a request for it themselves, as I do not believe that it is the proper location for a public handball court.

Yours very truly,
EUGENE C. HULTMAN,
Acting Fire Commissioner.

Placed on file.

CENTRAL FIRE STATION IN CHARLESTOWN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, March 3, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit report to you from Eugene C. Hultman, Acting Fire Commissioner, relative to establishing a central fire station in Charlestown. This is in reply to your order of February 17, 1930.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Fire Department, February 24, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I return herewith the following order introduced in the City Council:

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide for a central fire station for the Charlestown district.

In reply thereto I would say that at the present time a study is being made of the advisability of consolidating certain fire stations in different sections of the city with a view to reducing the number of houses and establishing central fire stations where they will provide more efficient service. In the course of this study the Charlestown district will receive every consideration.

Yours very truly,
EUGENE C. HULTMAN,
Acting Fire Commissioner.

Placed on file.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and severally referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Mike Albanese, for compensation for damage to team by ash truck.

Bathelder, Snyder, Dorr & Doe Company, for refund on unused refuse tickets.

Alice A. Benish, for compensation for damage to property at 89 Pembroke street, caused by water service.

General Electric Company, for refund on unused refuse tickets.

Rose Grossman, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Allen street, Boston.

Helen M. Kerrigan, for compensation for injuries caused by city car.

John Mandzunas, for compensation for damage to property at 476 East Seventh street, caused by park employees.

John Manion, for compensation for injuries received at House of Correction, Deer Island.

Roderick P. Morrison, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Beach street.

F. A. Morse, for refund on unused refuse tickets.

Robert J. Moylan, for compensation for damage to clothing in Ward K, City Hospital.

Benjamin Nathanson, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Charles and Poplar streets.

New England Box Company, for compensation for damage to horse and wagon by city team.

Mrs. Katherine B. Noonan, for compensation for damage to property at 12 Hawthorne street, Roxbury, caused by ashmen.

A. Solari, for refund on unused refuse tickets.

Mrs. Elizabeth Conley, for compensation for injuries caused by falling in water gate at 3 Boylston place, Jamaica Plain.

New Amsterdam Casualty Company, for com-

pensation for damage to property at 2179 Washington street, Roxbury, caused by city men.

Executive.

Petition for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement, viz.:

Rev. J. J. Hart, St. Francis Xavier School Hall, March 16, 17 and 18.

CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The constable's bond of Joseph M. Goode, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, was received and approved.

CHANGES OF STREET NAMES.

Notice was received from the Board of Street Commissioners of following changes in street names:

Exchange street, Boston proper, from State street to Dock square, changed to Congress street.

Congress square, Boston proper, from State street southerly and thence easterly and from Devonshire street to Congress street, changed to Quaker lane.

Southern Artery, Dorchester, between Morton street and Neponset avenue, including such parts of Codman, Adams and Marsh streets as were included in laying out of Southern Artery, to Gallivan Boulevard.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Notice was received of appointments by the Mayor as follows:

Vincent Brogna, 112 Bayswater street, East Boston, Overseer of Public Welfare.

Mary A. Barr, 29 Wallingford road, Brighton, member of City Planning Board.

Edmund L. Dolan, 380 Jamaica way, City Treasurer.

James F. Gaffney, 51 Adams street, Dorchester, member of Board of Appeal.

William G. O'Hare, 21 Bartlett street, Charlestown, Penal Institutions Commissioner.

Placed on file.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Notice was received of approval by the Commissioners of Civil Service of the following appointments by the Mayor, viz.:

James E. Maguire, 41 St. Andrew road, East Boston, Institutions Commissioner.

Philip A. Chapman, 47 Sudan street, Superintendent of Supplies.

Charles T. Harding, 54 Kenwood street, Dorchester, Election Commissioner.

Anders T. Tellstrom, 91 Claybourne street, Dorchester, Overseer of Public Welfare.

Charles F. Bogan, 1500 Commonwealth avenue, Brighton, Street Commissioner.

Placed on file.

FINANCE REPORTS.

Coun. DONOVAN, for the Committee on Finance, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred February 17) appropriating \$250,000 for Airport improvements—that same ought to pass.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, this money is to be used for the enlargement of the present airport and the reclamation of the flats in the immediate vicinity. This reclamation project calls for forty acres of solid fill, so that the largest planes in use at the present day may be able to land. Under present conditions, the largest planes cannot land at the airport. Part of this \$250,000 is to be used for lighting, marking, the building of a solid road and a parking space. Under the heading of lighting comes the placing of signal lights on the water tower of the Boston & Albany Railroad, the Assumption Church of East Boston, and the grain elevator located in East Boston. Some of the money is to be used to build a road in back of the airport.

Report accepted; order read once and passed, yeas 20, nays 0.

2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred January 13) recommending appropriation of \$200,000 to be expended by Trustees of Boston Public Library for establishment of Branch Libraries—that same ought not to pass.

The question came on the acceptance of the report.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, the opinion of the trustees and the Mayor is that two branch libraries should be established each year for a period of twenty years. They have at the present time a crying need for ten additional buildings. Their survey showed that they needed thirteen new branch libraries. According to the report as furnished by Mr. Belden, \$75,000 will be needed for the building of the proposed libraries, and \$25,000 for the land and books. Due to the fact that every member of this Council is vitally interested in these proposed libraries, and by virtue of the fact that Mr. Belden could not give the desired information, your committee voted this order "ought not to pass," and instructed its chairman to file a substitute order for \$200,000, in order that we may have presented to us by the trustees the information that the Council desires.

The report was accepted and the question came on the passage of the Mayor's order.

Coun. McGRATH—Mr. President, it seems to me that this should only be judged on its merits. This is either a necessary appropriation or it is not, and it is not a matter for logrolling by the various members of the Council as to where these buildings are to be placed. It does not make a great deal of difference so far as the order itself is concerned, whether East Boston or Brighton is the place to get the first of these two buildings; but it does make a great deal of difference whether the program as laid out is to be started. I think this Council would be placed in a very embarrassing and foolish position if it should at any time vote against an appropriation of such vital importance as the extension of the Public Library system in this city. Therefore, I want to make this suggestion, sir, that the report of the committee "ought not to pass" be defeated, and that we substitute the original order proposed by his Honor the Mayor for \$200,000 for this purpose.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, I might say to the councilor from Dorchester that there was unanimity of opinion that the order ought to pass, but different councilors—I believe Councilors Murray, Englert, Kelly, Power, and I think others, stated that there had been mass meetings held in their respective wards in the matter of the necessity for branch libraries, and they asked that the matter be postponed for just one week. Added to that was the fact that the time limit had expired. The chairman of the committee is perfectly in accord with the views of the Mayor of the city with respect to this \$200,000 appropriation for library purposes, but I thought, in view of the fact that different members of the Council wanted information to protect themselves in their own districts, the thing ought to be reported in this way. The chairman repeats, however, that he is heartily in accord with the idea of providing \$200,000 for this purpose.

Coun. RUBY—Mr. President, may I ask the councilor from Ward 1 whether Mr. Belden has agreed to give the desired information?

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, I would say for the councilor's information that Mr. Belden had no direct knowledge as to where the proposed libraries were to be. He said if the Council wanted to procure the information it would be necessary to send for the trustees. I believe he mentioned Mr. Kirstein, Monsignor Connolly, and, I believe, Mr. Buxton, and said they would be available if the Council wished to obtain their views this week.

Coun. MURRAY—Mr. President, I might say that I was at the meeting and that I asked Mr. Belden questions in regard to the matter as to where it was intended to locate branch libraries for which this \$200,000 would be spent. Mr. President, we got no satisfaction in that matter. Before I vote for \$200,000 for branch libraries in Boston, the people of my district demand information as to where they are to be put. For thirty-five years those people have been demanding a branch library, and no attention has been paid to their wishes. I shall vote against the order until the people of my district get the desired information. I certainly feel that they have a right to know whether a branch library building is to be established in the neighborhood of Forest Hills.

Coun. COX—Mr. President, it seems to me the trustees of the Public Library, who have been appointed by his Honor the Mayor, are best suited to say where these libraries shall be put. I feel that the order submitted by his Honor the Mayor should pass, for this reason. There is a great demand that projects employing labor shall be put through at this time and in the immediate future. Many laborers and mechanics are out of employment, and such unemployment will continue if works like these are held up and building is not started. I think the trustees of the Public Library are in a better position to know just what communities need these libraries, whether one community is in greater need than another, and I am not in favor of logrolling for any one particular district. The Germantown section of my district needs a library, but if, in the opinion of the Public Library Trustees, some other section needs it more, I think we should abide by their decision. I am in favor of and will vote for the Mayor's original order.

Coun. KELLY—Mr. President, I was present at the meeting held by the Committee on Finance when Mr. Belden was interrogated by different councilors relative to the location of the proposed new libraries. He seemed very vague and evasive in his answers to the questions put to him. So the chairman—and I think rightly so—desired that we should be furnished with this information before we are called upon to vote away \$200,000 of the city's money. We asked Mr. Belden when this building would start. He did not know. Having such vague answers, we felt that we should have the Library Trustees before us for information. The people of Meeting House Hill very strongly need and desire a branch library, and I would most earnestly wish, desiring as far as possible to see the unemployment situation cleared up, to have work commence right away on such libraries, which are desired and needed in different sections of this city. But I do feel that these trustees should give information which will be helpful to us and helpful to the public of Boston. I certainly feel that we should get such information before we are expected to vote to pass such an order.

Coun. BUSH—Mr. President, I think the councilor from West Roxbury (Coun. Cox) struck the nail right on the head when he stated that the trustees were in the best position to know where these branch libraries ought to go. As chairman of the Committee on Branch Libraries several years ago, I came in close contact with the trustees of the Public Library and with Mr. Belden, in particular, and I requested at that time for the use of the committee that a map be furnished me showing the locations of all the branch libraries at that time and of the areas intended to be covered by those branch libraries, with an indication of what the prospects were in the future for the construction of new branch libraries. That map is now in the custody of the Clerk of Committees and shows the areas which are served by these libraries in the form of concentric circles, giving the half mile and mile radius. The trustees and the director of the Library, Mr. President, are in the best position to be able to determine where branch libraries are necessary or desirable. They have all the data and information before them. They have the records of attendance at the various branch libraries, and they are able to place branches in locations best suited to the nature of the territory and the size of the population. They arrive at their judgment from a purely technical study of the different parts of the city and are far better qualified to know where these branches should go than any member of the City Council or any citizen of the City of Boston. Furthermore, with reference to the statement that Mr. Belden seemed to be evasive in answering the questions, I wish to say that that is not a just accusation. Mr. Belden is a very, very capable executive in the particular position which he happens to hold, fortunately for the City of Boston, and Mr. Belden did not answer those questions because he could not answer them of his own knowledge. He would not know, nor could he say, with any definiteness or certainty where any of these branches are going. All he can do is make recommendations, and the trustees are the ones who have the final decision as to where any of the branches are to be directed, and even their decision is subject to the approval of the Mayor. So it is perfectly obvious that Mr. Belden could not have answered the questions members of the committee put to

him, even if he desired, with any certainty. I think the matter can be safely left in the hands of the trustees, who are an unpaid board, to fix the locations of these libraries after technical study of the matter.

Coun. DOWD—Mr. President, can the President of the Council advise us as to when the sixty-day period terminates on this loan order?

President LYNCH—March 14.

Coun. DOWD—Well, Mr. President, I am personally against any loan order to which the Council cannot give two readings. We cannot give two readings to this, but only one, and it will then become a law without the fourteen-day clause as to second reading becoming operative. I say that that is a very bad precedent. I agree with Councilor McGrath and Councilor Cox that the loan order should pass, and I understand that the Finance Committee instructed the chairman of the committee to substitute today a loan order for \$200,000. If there is no objection, at this time we can suspend the rules and give that loan order which the chairman has introduced its first reading, thereby enabling the Council to give to the \$200,000 order the customary two readings.

Coun. MURRAY—Mr. President, I don't see why a week's delay will do any harm. Mr. Belden said that the trustees could give us the information we desire. Now, why the hurry? What is the great necessity of pushing this through today? Why not wait a week, so that we may be able to tell the people of our districts what the trustees tell us? If we obtain the information from the trustees, it will then be available to the people of our districts. If the trustees cannot give the information, we can simply state to the people of the district what the situation is. I say again that the people of my district have for the last thirty-five years been fighting for a branch library. They have been told every year that they were going to have one, but they have never received it yet. I would like to have the trustees brought here and have them state what the answer is. We can then relay the story back to our constituents. So I say that the order should lie on the table until we hear something more about the matter.

Coun. RUBY—Mr. President, I cannot agree with the report of the committee, because as long as we have been members of this Council I don't think there has been a branch library built in the City of Boston. Within the last year, however, the Library Trustees have inaugurated a building program, and they intend to alleviate the situation within the next ten years, and any action that may be taken to place branch libraries in any part of the city is a step forward in relieving the present situation in all parts of Boston. Some members of the Council who have spoken today have expressed an unwillingness to act at this time because of the situation in their districts. Let me say that I have been after a branch library for the Franklin Field section of Ward 14. There was one removed from there several years ago, taken from the Refectory Building on Franklin Park when that building was leased by the city for commercial purposes. But I believe, if I am to get a branch library for Ward 14, or if the councilor from Ward 19 is to get a branch library for his district, it is incumbent upon us at least not to interfere with the progress that will naturally be made under the proposed branch library program. If we are fortunate enough to get a library building immediately, in the carrying out of the program, so much the better for our district; but if in the opinion of the Library Trustees the need in other districts is more urgent than in ours, our district should be satisfied with that decision, having in mind always the fact that the more progress is made, the more nearly the branch library program comes to completion, the nearer we are coming to the time when our district can be taken care of. With reference to giving a second reading to a bill at this time, I would ordinarily agree with the councilor from Ward 8, but I think this is the kind of appropriation, after we have made up our minds in the first instance to vote for the appropriation, where such action might well be taken. This is nothing new in the way of a construction program. It is an old program that the trustees have tried to carry out since Councilor Bush's chairmanship of the committee four years ago. As a result of the agitation at that time by various councilors the trustees agreed on a building program. For that reason I believe we are in duty bound to vote for the Mayor's order, so that the Library Trustees may immediately select the two sites. We can, in our several districts, of course, hope that our

district may be one of the favored ones but, if not, the program is to be pushed through, anyway, from year to year, and, in so far as it interests all of our respective districts, will be advanced so much nearer to completion. For that reason I believe that the report of the Committee on Finance ought not to be accepted. I believe we should reject the report and pass the loan order as suggested by the Mayor.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, this places the Committee on Finance in rather an embarrassing position. The Committee on Finance was of the opinion, on the whole, that the order ought to pass. But, due to the fact that the time had expired for the two readings of the bill, the chairman was instructed to introduce a new order, which was really a copy of the Mayor's order. I do not believe it will be a violation of parliamentary procedure if we should vote "ought not to pass" on the original order, and then substitute a direct copy of the Mayor's order and pass it under suspension of the rule, and I think that would remove the necessity for such discussion as we have had here. But the thing does place the Committee on Finance in an embarrassing position, due to the fact that members of the Council are so much interested in hearing what the trustees have to say. This would afford an opportunity for the trustees to come in and make a statement. If the substitute order is accepted, I see no reason why it should not receive its first reading today. It is a direct copy of the Mayor's order.

Coun. FITZGERALD—Mr. President, I believe that the Council should go through with the original proposition and pass the appropriation order as submitted by the Mayor. If we don't we are liable to lose the whole business. The gentleman from East Boston (Coun. Donovan) is very modest. There is no question but what East Boston sorely needs a branch library. I was for some years a member of the examining committee of the Public Library. I believe Councilor Bush is now a member. There is certainly a crying need over there in East Boston for a branch library. The condition is disgraceful. It is an outstanding disgrace to the city that the conditions in East Boston in this respect should have been tolerated as long as they have been. There is no other section where such conditions exist. There are many things I might say but that I do not desire to say for the record. In the last report of the trustees I notice mention of the fact that the branch over there should be changed as soon as possible. At present it is a rented building, and so infested with rats that it is a positive disgrace. Moreover, the building is a building that is used for entertainments, dances. They are compelled to have two or three police officers on duty there, according to the evidence that I was given four or five years ago, to maintain order. I do not need to tell you what conditions should be about a dance hall or a hall used for entertainments for little girls and boys, who are clamoring to get in, especially in a section which is so crowded and where the population is so dense. In the name of decency and fair play to East Boston, it should have a good branch library, and I hope the Council will follow the suggestion of Councilor McGrath.

The order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 21, nays 1:

Yeas—Coun. Arnold, Bush, Cox, Curtis, Donovan, Dowd, Englert, Fish, Fitzgerald, Gallagher, Gleason, Green, Hein, Lelly, Lynch, Mahoney, McGrath, Norton, Power, Ruby, Wilson—21.

Nays—Coun. Murray—1.

Later in the session Coun. MURRAY said:

Mr. President, I would move a reconsideration of the vote on branch libraries. I think the Chair was in error in putting the vote on the passage of the order. The report of the committee submitted by the councilor from East Boston was that the order ought not to pass.

President LYNCH—The Chair would say that, so far as the vote on accepting the committee's report was concerned, we had nothing else to do. The acceptance of the committee's report is merely a formality to discharge the committee from further consideration of the subject. If the vote had been the opposite way, the order would have been returned to the committee.

Coun. MURRAY—Mr. President, I now make a motion that we reconsider our action on that library matter.

Coun. Murray's motion to reconsider was lost.

(3) Report on order (referred February 3) that \$5,000 be appropriated for filling, grading, etc., on Randolph Street Playground—that same ought to pass.

(4) Report on order (referred February 3) that \$50,000 be appropriated for construction of locker building and shower baths on Chestnut Hill Playground, Ward 21—that same ought to pass.

(5) Report on order (referred February 17) that \$25,000 be appropriated for erection of concrete bleachers at Chestnut Hill Playground—that same ought to pass.

(6) Report on order (referred February 24) appropriating \$10,000 for erection of concrete bleachers and resurfacing and reseeding of Ronan Park, Ward 15—that same ought to pass.

(7) Report on order (referred February 17) that \$20,000 be appropriated for grading and placing in proper condition Smith Playground, Allston, and building of concrete bleachers—that same ought to pass.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, these are orders that were offered by different members of the Council having to do with improved playground facilities in their districts. The Committee on Finance took the attitude that members of the Council were well aware of existing conditions in their own respective wards, but the Mayor of Boston has the sole power of granting the requests.

The reports were accepted and said orders passed, yeas 22, nays 0.

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

President LYNCH called up, under unfinished business, No. 1 on the calendar, viz.:

1. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor February 24, 1930, of Joseph E. Ferreira, Thomas Freedman, Shepard S. Epstein, Patrick H. Murphy, Julius Ansel, Frederick R. Lawrence, Alfred E. Mitchell and Daniel E. Fallon, to be Constables, and Paul C. Morrison, to be a Weigher of Goods.

The question came on confirmation. Committee, Coun. Hein and Englert. Whole number of ballots 21, yeas 21, and the appointments were confirmed.

LOAN ORDERS PASSED.

President LYNCH called up, under unfinished business, Nos. 2 to 7, inclusive, on the calendar, viz.:

2. Ordered, That the sum of \$160,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Buildings, for Courthouse, Brighton, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

On February 17, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 19, nays 0.

3. Ordered, That the sum of \$35,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commissioners, for Muddy River and Leverett Pond, Improvements, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

On February 17, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 18, nays 0.

4. Ordered, That the sum of \$45,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commissioners, for the erection of a Tercentenary Memorial, gateway, et cetera, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

On February 17, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 19, nays 0.

5. Ordered, That the sum of \$275,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Superintendent of Public Buildings, for East Boston Courthouse and Police Station 7, Alterations and New Building, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

On February 17, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 19, nays 0.

6. Ordered, That the sum of \$40,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commissioners, for Webster Avenue Playground, Improvements, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

On February 17, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 19, nays 0.

7. Ordered, That under the provisions of section 2, chapter 371, of the Acts of 1929, the sum of \$25,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Park Commissioners for the purchase of land from the state in the vicinity of Leverett and Nashua streets, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

On February 17, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 19, nays 0.

The orders were given their second and final reading and passage, yeas 22, nays 0.

SIDEWALK ON PIERCE AVENUE.

Coun. FISH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Pierce avenue (both sides), from Adams street to Plain street, Ward 16, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK ON WORCESTER SQUARE.

Coun. DOWD offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Worcester square (both sides), from Washington street to Harrison avenue, Ward 8, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 3 to 10 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

LAYING OUT OF WARD 8 STREETS.

Coun. DOWD offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Fellows street, Ward 8, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept Sherwood street, Ward 8, as a public highway.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

WHITE WAY LIGHTING, WARREN STREET.

Coun. DOWD offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide for the installation of a white way system of lighting on Warren street, between Dudley street and Washington street, Ward 8.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

TAKING OF LAND FOR POLICE STATION 12.

Coun. MAHONEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the sum of ten thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Police for the taking of land and the erection of a garage adjacent to Police Station 12, South Boston, and that to meet such expense the

City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, at the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

WARD 2 IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to include in the budget for 1930 a sum sufficient to provide for the building of a concrete handball court at the Sullivan Square Playground, Ward 2.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Elm street, from Bunker Hill street to High street, Ward 2, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to include in the budget for 1930 a sum sufficient to provide for the establishment of shower baths at Dewey Beach, Ward 2.

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to include in the budget for 1930 a sum sufficient to provide for playground needs in the Charlestown district.

Ordered, That the City Planning Board be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to submit to the City Council an estimate of the cost of the abolition of the crossing at grade of the tracks of the Boston & Maine Railroad at Sullivan square, Ward 2.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

INDORSEMENT OF COMMERCIAL MOVEMENT.

Coun. McGRATH offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council indorses, without reservation, the movement for the expansion of the commercial and industrial interests of Boston, as outlined by his Honor the Mayor at a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce on Thursday evening, February 27, 1930.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SHUTTLE LINE, ANDREW SQUARE AND SAVIN HILL AVENUE.

Coun. McGRATH offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to ask the management of the Boston Elevated Railway to provide continuous service on the shuttle line running between Andrew square and Savin Hill avenue via Dorchester avenue, and eliminate the present practice of waiting over at Savin Hill avenue for a number of minutes on each trip.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS IN WARD 14.

Coun. RUBY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept Ormond street, Ward 14, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Wales street, Ward 14.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Abbot street, Ward 14.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Kerwin street, Ward 14.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS IN WARD 11.

Coun. ENGLERT offered the following:

Ordered, That the Trustees of the Boston Public Library be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to establish a branch library in the Forest Hills section of Ward 11.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept as a public highway Glade avenue, Ward 11.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving St. Rose street, Ward 11.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Dimock street, Ward 11.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS IN WARD 19.

Coun. MURRAY offered the following:

Ordered, That the sum of forty thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commissioner, for the erection of bleachers, rearranging baseball diamonds, etc., on the Healy Playground, Ward 19, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Ravenna road, Ward 19, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Cerdan avenue, Ward 19, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Bowditch road, Ward 19, as a public highway.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

STREET LOAN OF \$10,000,000.

Coun. COX offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of the City of Boston approves the enactment of legislation to authorize the city to borrow, outside the debt limit, the sum of \$10,000,000, to be used for the laying out and construction of unaccepted streets and for the reconstruction of accepted streets.

Passed under a suspension of the rules.

PROPOSED STREET IMPROVEMENTS, WARD 20.

Coun. COX—Mr. President, I would like to say in connection with the fifty orders I am offering for extension of streets in Ward 20—and the introduction of which is giving considerable fun to the councilors—that this large number of orders is simply being offered because of the necessities of that district, and that the end is not yet, because next Monday I am going to offer forty more. In that connection, however, let me say that Ward 20 has 138 unaccepted streets, that it has a tax valuation of \$43,000,000, and that the taxable property has increased \$6,000,000 in the last four years. I realize that I am not going to get all these streets attended to at once, but I wish at least to let the

City Council and city officials know what our condition is. These are unaccepted streets. I understand, however, that the sewers are in—that they are in such a position that we can go ahead. Any of you councilors who may have attended the meeting at the State House last Wednesday must have been impressed by the size of the delegation from West Roxbury demanding that some action be taken for the improvement of the streets. I want to tell you now that they are all in a very deplorable and neglected condition. Therefore, I offer these orders, and I shall offer the forty others I have spoken of next Monday.

Coun. COX offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works, through his Honor the Mayor, be requested to resurface Stratford street, Ward 20, the entire length.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out a sewer in Rockland street, Ward 20, from Washington street to the Dedham line.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out a sewer in Washington street, Ward 20, from Highview avenue to La Grange street.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out a sewer in Vershire street, Ward 20.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out a sewer in Goethe street, Ward 20, from Schiller road to the Dedham line.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Hinsdale road, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Garden street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Goethe street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out George street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Goodrich road, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Glenburnie road, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Furbush road, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Fresno street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Freeman avenue, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Ferncliff avenue, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Florence street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Farragut street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Eastbourne street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Elmwood street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Emmons road, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Ellswood street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Dunwell street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Durant street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Centre terrace, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Clement Avenue Extension, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Cheriton road, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Cerdan avenue, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners, through his Honor the Mayor, be requested to accept and lay out Capital street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners, through his Honor the Mayor, be requested to accept and lay out Cypress street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners, through his Honor the Mayor, be requested to accept and lay out Cedar street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Crest street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Cheswick road, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Carroll street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Caspar street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Cottage avenue, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Cushing street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commission-

ers be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Baker street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Berwick street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Bellaire road, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Burard street, Precinct 12, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Burnside avenue, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Arboretum road, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Atlantis street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners, through his Honor the Mayor, be requested to accept and lay out Alberta street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Amesbury street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Alder street, Precinct 13, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Alder street, Precinct 3, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners, through his Honor the Mayor, be requested to accept and lay out Ashland avenue, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners, through his Honor the Mayor, be requested to accept and lay out Hayes street, Ward 20, between Washington street and Birch street, as a public highway.

The orders were severally passed under suspension of the rule.

RESIDENCE OF RECENTLY APPOINTED PATROLMEN.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Police Commissioner, through his Honor the Mayor, be, and he hereby is, respectfully requested to furnish to the Boston City Council the names of the most recent five hundred men appointed as patrolmen in the Boston Police Department, together with the addresses of each man as given on the date of his appointment.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, during my service of the last four years in this body it has been repeatedly brought to my attention that it has been the custom in various departments of the City of Boston to employ nonresidents. In recently looking over the pay roll, with names and addresses of head masters of grammar and other schools in this city, men receiving salaries of \$4,450, or more, from the city, it came as quite a shock to me to see what a large proportion of them are living outside the boundaries of the city that is paying them their salaries, or perhaps where the air may be a little better. It is also interesting to see the situation in other departments of the city and of the County of Suffolk, where people whose salaries are paid here are actually living outside, in metropolitan Boston. It would seem that at the

present time over 50 per cent of the employees of the city see fit to live outside the city limits. This is merely one of several orders which I plan to introduce the present year—in this particular instance wishing to ascertain, for example, how many members of our Police Department vacate for purposes of residence the city into whose service they are so anxious to enter.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK ON LORING STREET.

Coun. NORTON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Loring street (both sides), from Williams street to Tyler street, Ward 18, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

NEW EAST BOSTON FERRY TARIFF.

Coun. DONOVAN called up assignment, viz.:

8. Ordinance establishing a new tariff of tolls on the East Boston ferries, to take effect April 1, 1930.

The question came on passage of the ordinance.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, unless the councillor from East Boston is in a hurry to get away and has objection to the disposition I now propose, I see no reason why the matter in question cannot be considered in Executive, so that we may have an opportunity to examine this rather sketchy outline that we have. I understand that the gentleman from West Roxbury (Coun. Cox) has not even a sketchy outline,—so I will give him a few bites of mine.

No. 8 was assigned until later in the session.

LAW ON TAXI STANDS.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel, through his Honor the Mayor, be, and he hereby is, respectfully requested to advise the Special City Council Committee on Taxi Stands with reference to the following:

1. By virtue of what authority are taxicab locations now granted, with any rental or fee charged by any private owner or lessee of any building, on any public street in the City of Boston?

2. Assuming that consent is given by the owner or lessee of an adjacent building, is the proper legal authority for the granting of a taxicab stand on a public street in the City of Boston legally vested at the present time in the Board of Street Commissioners or the Police Commissioner?

3. Has the Police Commissioner authority to grant a license for a taxicab stand on any public street in the City of Boston, and if so by virtue of what act of the Legislature or what city ordinance?

4. Has the Board of Street Commissioners authority to grant a license for a taxicab stand on any public street in the City of Boston, and, if so, by virtue of what act of the Legislature or what city ordinance?

5. By virtue of what city ordinance or what act of the Legislature do the owners or lessees of hotel buildings in the City of Boston now receive rentals or fees for the use of adjacent city streets in the City of Boston?

6. In your opinion is the present practice of granting exclusive taxi stand locations on Boston streets, with rentals or fees paid private persons or corporations, legal; and, if so, by virtue of what statute or ordinance?

7. Is the present practical monopoly granted almost exclusively to two taxicab concerns for stands on public streets in the Boston business district legal?

8. Has the owner of any hotel building or railway terminal in Boston, even with the consent of the Police Commissioner, any legal right to restrict:

(a) The parking of any automobile on any part of any public street?

(b) To grant any exclusive use of any part of any public way for parking purposes even where a fee or rental is paid the owner of the property immediately adjacent?

9. By exactly what legal procedure is it possible to prevent:

(a) The further renting of any part of any public street in the City of Boston by the owner or lessee of a building adjacent thereto?

(b) The further granting of taxicab parking privileges on any part of any public street in the City of Boston exclusively to any person or company?

(c) A continuation of the present practice now existing in Boston of allowing any corporation other than the City of Boston, or any person, to receive any rental or fee for the use of any part of any public street?

10. Exactly what are the present legal provisions effective in the City of Boston with reference to the granting of a taxicab stand on any part of any public street?

11. By virtue of what authority has a taxicab stand been granted on that part of State street immediately adjacent to the Custom House?

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, with reference to these eleven questions here submitted to the Corporation Counsel for advice, I will simply say that they are the eleven questions that were submitted in our special taxi stand committee meeting to the Corporation Counsel of the City of Boston. The request is made by a member, Mr. President, that they be read in full at this time.

(The clerk read Coun. Wilson's order in full.)

Coun. WILSON—I will merely state, Mr. President, that those questions were submitted by the Special Committee on Taxi Stands to the Corporation Counsel at a meeting last week. The purpose of introducing them in this form at this time is that they may be a matter of record in our minutes—particularly in view of the unexplained absence from our file of the report of the hearings by the Special Committee of 1928. That report your committee has been able to find in the files of the City Council, merely being able to obtain a partial copy from the stenographer. So we wish to have, so far as our present committee is concerned, some definite record of this sort that can be found after the investigation is over. We summoned before us the Corporation Counsel and he was given these particular questions, in an endeavor to check up in whom the authority rests to grant these stands. Representative Finnegan, who introduced last year in the Legislature the original orders or resolves with reference to this matter, also appeared before the committee, as did other witnesses. We obtained also the report of the Special Commission on the Licensing of Taxicab Stands in the City of Boston, which was appointed under a resolve of the Legislature, in Senate Bill No. 240 of last year. Under that resolve, Mr. President, the Massachusetts Legislature appointed as its representative on the commission a senator from Waltham, a representative from New Bedford and a representative from the city of Chelsea, to investigate and decide on the question of the use of streets in the City of Boston, this city being in the unenviable situation apparently of being the only city in the Commonwealth that needs to ask the Legislature to run its business for it. That commission finally consisted of five, being composed of these members of the Legislature, not one a representative from Boston, but having also added to it one resident of Boston by his Excellency the Governor and also a resident of Milton, fortunately one of the ablest attorneys that we have in this city, Mr. Rackemann. That commission, singularly enough, has followed out the idea that our own committee has expressed, recommending increasing the number of public or open stands in the downtown business area of Boston, with a limitation of the number of taxicabs. It also made other recommendations. It is also interesting to find out, in the light of this particular report that, taking six cities,—Chicago, New York City, Buffalo, Detroit, Cleveland and Atlanta, all of which rank favorably in size with the City of Boston,—that every one of those six cities, especially including New York City and Chicago, which I am reliably informed have at least as many cabs as we have, operate on a public stand system. I do wish to correct one item that came out in the papers last week, referring to an incident in which I was involved on State street, in the matter of parking a car, that that was not a move in the line of what came up two years ago but merely a means of trying out the law on the

point in question. Now, the object of this particular committee is to ascertain the information—which has been checked, apparently, down to date—as to the source in which the taxicab authority rests, the Street Commissioners or the Police Commissioner. I have no quarrel with this particular Police Commissioner, as I understand that he inherited the practice, although he has enlarged it to some extent. But this committee wishes to place the responsibility where it properly belongs; and I might say, for the benefit of the City Council, with all due modesty in reference to this particular committee, that we are in a position to go ahead, and, if we have, as we expect, the cooperation of the other members of the City Council, you may be sure that the report which the committee makes will result in something.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

PUBLIC LANDS.

Coun. McGRATH, for the Committee on Public Lands, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred February 25, 1929) recommending release of easement on land at Vermont street and Roberts avenue—that same ought to pass.

2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred February 17) recommending exchange of land and flats at South Boston with Commonwealth of Massachusetts—that said order be passed.

3. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred February 4) in regard to sale of land on Faneuil street to Florence Crittenton League of Compassion—that same ought to pass.

The reports were severally accepted, and the orders were passed, yeas 22, nays 0.

RECESS.

The Council voted, at 3.28 p. m., on motion of Coun. McGRATH, to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by President LYNCH at 3.36 p. m.

INDORSEMENT OF MAYOR'S INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES.

Coun. DONOVAN, for the Committee on Rules, submitted the following:

1. Report on order (referred today) that the Council indorses, without reservation, the movement for expansion of commercial and industrial interests of Boston, as outlined by the Mayor at meeting at the Chamber of Commerce on February 27—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT.

Coun. RUBY, for Coun. Mahoney, submitted the following:

1. Report on petition (referred today) for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement, viz.:

Rev. J. J. Hart, St. Francis Xavier School Hall, March 16, 17 and 18—that leave be granted. Report accepted; leave granted on usual conditions.

PROPOSED NEW FERRY TARIFF.

Coun. DONOVAN called up assignment, No. 8, viz.:

Ordinance establishing a new tariff of tolls on the East Boston ferries, to take effect April 1, 1930. The question came on the passage of the ordinance.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, I do not intend to burden the Council with any further remarks in regard to the East Boston ferry tolls. The people of East Boston merely ask for justice and fair play.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, we are told that there is some information which will give to those members of the Council who do not live in East Boston perhaps an alibi for voting differ-

ently from what they did vote four or more months ago, in light of the alleged falling off in the travel of teams and trucks over the ferry because of what are claimed to be exorbitant rates. We are told that since the increased tolls were put into effect the revenue has fallen off to a great extent. I desire to make two points in reference to that. First, if I am correctly informed, one excellent reason for the falling off in revenue is the present practice of many employees of truck concerns going back and forth on the ferries instead of buying two tickets and coming back the same way, going over, when they have a very heavy load, and coming back by the roundabout way when they are empty, but charging two tickets to the concern. So that may account for some of the decreased revenue to the City of Boston. I imagine if the Truck Association would check up their books and drivers they would find that that is being done,—that so far as the books show there has been no reduction in the ferry traffic. I have every sympathy, Mr. President, with the gentleman from Ward 1, who represents that district, and I will not burden the Council with a repetition of what I said along that line last week. But I do object to the manner in which this present change is being effected. Last week there was more or less talk about the prospective East Boston Tunnel. The last Mayor of Boston for many months—in fact, I guess for several years—had realized that there was an annual deficit in the Ferry Department, amounting to about three-quarters of a million dollars in some years. That was a problem that was continually facing the administration in this city. Finally, there was the agitation for the tunnel, and the representatives of that ward naturally fought for the tunnel. I might say, also, that if I had represented East Boston I would have fought for the tunnel. But the understanding in regard to the tunnel was that the people of East Boston would accept a toll in connection with it. That is not a new idea, even in American democracy. I understand that there are tunnels in New York and in other parts of the country and that tolls are paid in those tunnels. But until the tunnel should be constructed, there was still this deficit in the running of the ferries to be reckoned with. Since 1887 this sort of thing had been going on. There was a tunnel in prospect, for which it was generally understood and agreed that tolls should be paid, but in the meantime the financial situation had to be dealt with. Accordingly, an ordinance increasing the ferry rates in the meantime was passed. Now, my brother from East Boston raises the question, I understand, that the tunnel will not be built for a year, or probably for two years, and in the meantime he does not want this additional toll imposed on the ferries. Well, of course, when the gentlemen of the City Council voted last year to increase the ferry tolls, I don't imagine anybody thought for one moment that the new tunnel would be completed by the first of January of this year! But the gentleman from East Boston, after the Council had voted to increase the tolls, got up and asked that the increase be postponed until the first of January. Possibly he felt that with the change in administration the thing would be killed, anyway. Now, I understand, he wishes that there shall be a decrease in tolls because of the delay in the building of the tunnel—although, I repeat, nobody could have thought that the tunnel would be built before the first of January, and there was no possible argument for postponing the increase of the ferry tolls until the first of January on any other grounds. So I now ask the gentleman from East Boston, from the best information he is able to get, if he has any, when he expects that the tunnel will be built to East Boston, or when he expects that there will be a bridge to East Boston, if such a bridge as is suggested by the Mayor is to be erected? Of course, the tunnel will not go through if we get a bridge to East Boston through the Legislature. A bridge or tunnel will certainly take two or three years to build. Certainly there could be no argument for postponement on any other grounds than the completion of the bridge or tunnel, suspending he proposed increase until the bridge or tunnel went into effect. Mr. President, I think nobody, even with the optimism of my brother, would feel that such a bridge or tunnel would be completed by the first of January of this year. So what he really had in mind was probably a change in administration, under which he expected that there would be a real change, and that what had been done last year would be negated.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, if the

councilor will look the matter up, he will see that after the action that was taken I later introduced an order asking the Mayor to suspend the increased tolls until we had either a tunnel or a bridge. I think if he looks it up he will see that that is so, as a matter of record, that it was to be postponed until we had a tunnel or bridge—instead of having the increased tolls placed in operation before January 1, in spite of our protest.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, do I understand that the chief reason animating the councilor from East Boston at the present time in pressing for the adoption of this ordinance is that there has been an unexpected delay in the construction of this tunnel, or that it is because of the rising tolls that the revenue from the ferries has seriously dropped off?

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, it has been shown that the revenue from the East Boston ferries has been decreased, and under the present situation, while there may have been in the past a deficit of \$570,000 to \$700,000, as my brother contends, there will be a greater deficit in the present fiscal year if the present rates of the schedule are kept up. My colleague from Dorchester states that he does not blame me for taking the stand I do on this matter. Then there must be some merit in my stand on the question of tolls. He admits that if he were in my position he would be looking for this very relief for the citizens of his district, and he admits that the real reason he has for taking the position he does today is because he, too, feels that he is looking after the interests of his constituents.

Coun. WILSON—Of course, Mr. President, the answer is—although the argument is a poor argument—that under our present charter a councilor primarily represents the ward from which he has been elected. I, of course, am just as strongly against the proposed decrease in the tolls as the councilor from East Boston is in favor of it, namely, that it means adding, we will say, fifty cents a thousand, or however it may figure out, to the taxation of the people in the ward I represent. Of course, you cannot lose money in one part of the city without making up for it in the other part. Perhaps that is a narrow attitude to take, but it is the attitude that the councilor from East Boston has first assumed in this matter, and representatives from the other sections of the city should realize just what it means. It is claimed that as a result of the increase in tolls there has been a decrease in the revenues of the East Boston ferries. We should go carefully in accepting that statement, however, in view of the fact that the new system, inaugurated under Mayor Nichols, has been in effect for only sixty days, also having in mind the statement that has been advanced that truck drivers are going one way over the ferries, with the heavily-loaded truck, and taking it back by the roundabout way, pocketing the amount that would be paid for the return trip.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. Chairman, I would say in answer to the gentleman from Dorchester that I filed an order asking that a survey be made of the trucking to and from East Boston, and then, despite the claim made by the gentleman, there is a decrease in the trucking that goes over the ferries, resulting in a decrease in revenue.

Coun. WILSON—Well, can the gentleman tell us how much that amounts to?

Coun. DONOVAN—I cannot tell the amount, but, as one continually utilizing the East Boston ferries, I can see what is happening. Where we used to commonly see a line of forty or fifty waiting to get on the boats, at the present time you will see only five or six machines going over the ferry at a time. That is common knowledge, Mr. President. You have all seen in the past the long lines of vehicles that used to be awaiting a chance to go across.

Coun. WILSON—Well, Mr. President, I don't see that we are getting anywhere in this matter. I think we are entitled to further figures, further information, and I move that the matter lie on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was declared carried. Coun. DONOVAN doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The motion to lay on the table was lost, yeas 8; nays 12:

Yeas—Coun. Arnold, Cox, Gleason, Kelly, Lynch, Mahoney, Murray, Wilson—8.

Nays—Coun. Bush, Curtis, Donovan, Dowd, Englert, Fish, Fitzgerald, Green, McGrath, Power, Ruby—12.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, in view of what has been stated, the principal argument appears to be that it is unfair to the people of East Boston to expect them to pay even the small increase shown by the Nichols increase, as compared with the amount turned in since 1887; and, in view of the fact that it was estimated last week and this week that it would take about two years to complete the tunnel or the bridge, I now offer an amendment to the proposed ordinance.

Coun. WILSON offered the following amendment:

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect beginning with the first day of April, 1930. The fees herein established shall continue until April 1, 1932, and on and after that day the fees shall be as follows:

Passengers.	
Foot passengers.....	1 cent
Passengers on vehicles, other than driver, each.....	1 cent
Vehicles.	
One or two horse vehicles with driver...	15 cents
Three or four horse vehicle with driver..	25 cents
Passenger automobile with driver.....	20 cents
Motor truck, six tons or less, with driver,	20 cents
Motor truck, over six tons, with driver..	30 cents
Auto bus with driver.....	30 cents
Motorcycle, with driver.....	10 cents
Trailer.....	20 cents
Miscellaneous.	
Hand cart, or wheelbarrow, and man...	10 cents
Horse and rider.....	10 cents
Horses and cattie, each, with attendant,	10 cents

Ticket for Vehicles.

Tickets in packages of twenty shall be sold at a reduction of 20 per cent from toll rates.

Funeral Processions.

Funeral processions shall pass free of tolls.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, since the argument appears to be that the present ordinance should be accepted because it will take two years to build the tunnel, I ask for an amendment which says that the present ordinance shall take effect the first of next month and remain in effect for two years, by which time the tunnel will have been completed, and then the present rates now in existence can again go into effect. In view of the argument advanced by my colleague from East Boston, I certainly can see no objection to the amendment.

President LYNCH—Does the gentleman accept the amendment?

Coun. DONOVAN—I accept the amendment. (The proposed amendment was read at request of Coun. Dowd.)

Coun. DOWD—Mr. President, do I understand that the councilor from East Boston is agreeable to that amendment?

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, as I understand it, the amendment merely means the adoption of the proposed ordinance introduced by the Mayor at the present time, subject to this other amendment going into effect in 1932. Do I understand it aright?

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I don't want any misapprehension. The ordinance as now amended, if my amendment is adopted, will reduce or curtail the present rates for the coming two years at the expiration of which time it is estimated that the tunnel will have been built, and at which time the rates will revert to the rates existing today, on March 3, 1930.

Coun. BUSH—Mr. President, I rise to a point of information. Does the amendment simply mean that the Mayor's present schedule is to go into effect with a time limit on it, a limit to the time within which it is to operate?

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, the proposed amendment means that this Council wishes that the proposed ordinance submitted by Mayor Curley will decrease the rates for the next two years, at the expiration of which time, according to estimate, there will be a new East Boston tunnel or bridge, and the present rates will go back.

President LYNCH—Is that information satisfactory to Councilor Bush?

Coun. BUSH—I am not sure that I understand it as yet.

Coun. DOWD—Mr. President, I want to be

thoroughly advised in this matter. As I understand the amendment proposed by Councilor Wilson, he simply desires to have Mayor Curley's schedule go into effect for two years. Is that correct, Councilor Wilson?

Coun. WILSON—That is correct, Mr. President. I want to make this additional explanation. The reason why I am proposing that amendment at this present time is that the reason advanced for as decrease in rates is only a valid reason until a bridge or tunnel is built. If that is their argument, they should stand by it and then let the rates revert back to the present rates, two years from today, or from April 1, by which time they will have their tunnel or bridge. I simply want the thing clear on the record, so that it will not be said two years from now that this ordinance was passed without any such understanding this afternoon.

Coun. DOWD—Mr. President, being an ordinary layman I don't know much about engineering work, but I do say that this proposed East Boston tunnel or bridge will not be built possibly within five years. Now, why should we go on record that it will be in effect in two years? I say that we should accept Mayor Curley's proposition or reject it. I do not believe the Council should adopt any amendment with regard to the completion of a bridge or tunnel, because even to the ordinary lay mind, I think it must be apparent that it will take four to five years to complete a tunnel or bridge to East Boston. I hope the Council will not favor any amendment that will prejudice the acceptance or rejection of Mayor Curley's proposal.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, I think it is fairly obvious that when the bridge or tunnel is constructed, the Council can take any action it sees fit. At the present time, however, it must be clear to any fair-minded man that the people and the merchants of East Boston are being unjustly treated, that they are paying exorbitant fares at the present time. With that in mind, regardless of tunnel or bridge, I am heartily in favor of the Mayor's proposed schedule being put into effect today. I believe then the Council can wait for two years, or whatever the time may be, to see whether further action of any kind should be taken.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, let us lay the cards on the table and talk plainly. We all know the action of the Council last year, and how the members of this body went on record, in view of the deficit in the Ferry Department, in favor of increasing the tolls. That was done last autumn, and the new system has not been given a fair trial, and I say now that if the rates are reduced without my proposed amendment they will never be raised again. The councilor from East Boston wants us to let the thing rest, and then if we wish take up the matter two years from now. But if this amendment is not passed, two years from now we will see the same gentleman from East Boston not asking for an increase in the rates but for abolition of the tolls. I press the amendment for another reason—that I like to see the members in this body from other wards squarely representing the wards that elected them; and two years from now, if this amendment is not adopted—whether we are here or not,—the point will not be raised, as I have raised it now, but it will be stated that the question of tolls on the ferries was acted upon without any such agreement or understanding. So the time to take this action is right now. If something is not done, you will be putting on every house in the City of Boston, in every one of the wards outside of East Boston, the burden of carrying the deficit that will be created on the ferries. Before introducing the amendment I asked the question when the tunnel or the bridge was to be built, or completed. We had a suggestion from East Boston today, and also last week, that it would probably not happen for a couple of years. That is why I have put in here the date I have, in 1932.

Coun. DOWD—Mr. President, I simply rise to ask the gentleman from Dorchester to show me any time when I voted to increase these rate under Mayor Nichols?

Coun. Wilson's amendment was declared rejected.

Coun. BUSH—Mr. President, I rise to a question of information—whether the amendment offered by Councilor Wilson carries with it going back automatically to the present rates in two years, or whether the matter would have to be taken up and perhaps opened up at that time.

My question merely was whether, under the amendment, we would then return automatically to the present rates?

President LYNCH—The clerk will call the roll on the adoption of the amendment.

Coun. Wilson's amendment was defeated on roll call, yeas 8, nays 13.

Yeas—Coun. Arnold, Cox, Gleason, Kelly, Lynch, Mahoney, Murray, Wilson—8.

Nays—Coun. Bush, Curtis, Donovan, Dowd, Englert, Fish, Fitzgerald, Gallagher, Green, McGrath, Norton, Power, Ruby—13.

The ordinance was declared passed.

LIGHTING FACILITIES ON DARTMOUTH STREET.

Coun. ARNOLD offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide adequate lighting facilities on Dartmouth street, between the railroad bridge and Columbus avenue, Ward 4 (Nos. 685 to 703).

Passed under suspension of the rule.

LIGHTING ON EAST FOURTH STREET, WARD 6.

Coun. MAHONEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install sufficient arc lamps to provide for adequate lighting facilities on East Fourth street, between F street and Farragut road, Ward 6.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ADDITIONAL LIGHTS ON TREMONT STREET, WARD 4.

Coun. ARNOLD offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide for the installation of two additional lights on Tremont street, Ward 4, between Rutland square and West Newton street.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPAVING OF CHELSEA STREET.

Coun. DONOVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth pavement Chelsea street, from Porter street to Day square, Ward 1.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

LIST OF BAIL COMMISSIONERS AND PROFESSIONAL BONDSMEN.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to advise the City Council if there is any objection to posting a list of bail commissioners and professional bondsmen in the corridors of the courthouses and other public buildings of the City of Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PROPOSED NEW FERRY TARIFF.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I move a reconsideration of the vote we have taken with reference to East Boston tolls on the following ground—that possibly, if the matter is put over for one week, we may be in the position of ascertaining from some one who is an engineer how long it will take to build the proposed tunnel or bridge, and we can then have some idea of the date, and will have more information which will enable us to vote intelligently.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, my colleague from Dorchester is resorting to rather what I might call sharp practice in this matter, because

some of the members have departed for their homes, not expecting anything to happen after voting to accept the ordinance presented by the Mayor. I therefore oppose reconsideration.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. Chairman, I realize the friendly spirit in which the gentleman is referring to the absent members, but, in view of the fact that the twenty-two members of the Council are still continuing to be paid \$1,500 a year to attend these weekly meetings of an hour or two, I don't see why a few of them should be excused for leaving earlier than the rest of us, in a matter of this kind. There is no sharp practice, in any event, as those same gentlemen a week from today will have a chance to vote on the same question. It will simply be a matter of a week's delay, so that we may obtain some information in regard to the matter.

The motion to reconsider was declared carried. Coun. DONOVAN doubted the vote and asked for a roll call.

Reconsideration prevailed, yeas 9, nays 8:

Yeas—Coun. Arnold, Bush, Cox, Gleason, Kelly, Lynch, Mahoney, Murray, Wilson—9.

Nays—Coun. Donovan, Dowd, Englert, Fish, Gallagher, Green, McGrath, Norton—8.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, I move further reconsideration of our action which has resulted in postponing this matter for one week.

President LYNCH—The Chair will rule that the vote cannot be twice reconsidered.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I move to adjourn.

A rising vote was taken on the question of adjournment, and it was defeated, 8 to 8.

President LYNCH—The question now before the body is the passage of No. 8 on the calendar.

Coun. DOWD—Mr. President, I move you, sir, that it be laid on the table for one week.

The motion was declared carried.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to make a statement.

President LYNCH—The Chair hears no objection. The gentleman will proceed.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, the action of my colleague from Dorchester places this Council in a rather peculiar light. At the same meeting that the Council goes on record as accepting the ordinance as submitted by the Mayor, specifically voting in favor of it, that action is reconsidered and the question is put over to the

next meeting. That has been possible because of the fact that several members went away from the meeting, thinking that the incident was closed. What the councilor from Dorchester has in mind or wants to learn, I cannot understand. We have discussed this thing over a period of four or five years, going on five years, and I believe all the members here are thoroughly conversant with it. But for some reason the councilor wants to hold the members of this body up in a rather peculiar light before the voters of this city.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I would like to say for the information of the few members who are left here, when we are told that this places us in a rather peculiar light, that there is no real reason in the world why this matter should not go over for one week, so that we may ascertain whether it will take two years or five years to complete the proposed tunnel. As I understand it, all those who voted in favor of the proposed ordinance feel the same way as I do, as expressed in my proposed amendment, but they did not think it was wise to put a time limit on the thing, perhaps not thinking that it would be completed in two years. It was simply in order that we might have something reasonably definite that I have requested the delay. Mr. President, I move that we adjourn.

Coun. GREEN—Mr. President, I would like to make a statement, with unanimous consent.

President LYNCH—The Chair will rule that no further debate is in order.

Coun. GREEN—Then, Mr. President, I would request the councilor from Dorchester to withdraw his motion to adjourn, temporarily, as I would like to make a statement. I would ask the chairman of the Committee on Public Safety, Mr. President, to call a hearing by his committee at his earliest convenience, because I would like to take the grade crossing matter in my district up before that committee. It means a lot to my district. The thing is a menace and a sore spot over there, and I would like to ask the chairman of that committee to call a meeting at his own convenience, but very early, if possible.

President LYNCH—The chairman of the committee will take the matter under advisement.

Adjourned, at 4.42 p. m., on motion of Coun. WILSON, to meet on Monday, March 10, 1930, at 2 p. m.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, March 10, 1930.

Regular meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President LYNCH in the chair. Absent, Coun. Gallagher.

DEATH OF WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 10, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—Whereas, Almighty God, in His Divine wisdom, has seen fit to take from our midst former President of the United States and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, William Howard Taft; and

Whereas, The services of William Howard Taft during an entire lifetime have been devoted to the welfare of America and its people; and

Whereas, By his splendid talents, genial and kindly nature, he has, during a lifetime, been a source of comfort and confidence and through these God-given qualities has merited and enjoyed in an unusual measure the good will of the American nation and his death will be felt as a genuine national loss that is shared by all the people; therefore be it

Resolved, That the sincere sympathy of the people of Boston be conveyed to the grief stricken companion who has shared with him joys and sorrows, laughter and tears, Mrs. William Howard Taft, and to his family.

Ordered, That as a mark of respect the flags on all municipal buildings be placed at half-staff for a period of thirty (30) days.

Respectfully yours,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

The preambles, resolve and order were adopted by a unanimous rising vote.

NEW BUILDING FOR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 8, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit report from the Commissioner of Public Works relative to the erection of a modern building for the Public Works Department on Rutherford avenue, Charlestown. This is in reply to your order of February 27, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department, March 5, 1930.
To His Honor the Mayor.

In reply to the attached order in Council, regarding modern buildings in the Charlestown Public Works yards, introduced by Councilor Green: The condition of the Charlestown yards is identical with that in practically every yard of the city, where the buildings are old and dilapidated and, in common decency, should be replaced. During your previous administration we built two garages, one on Albany street and one on Hancock street in Dorchester. These were the first buildings constructed in the memory of the oldest employee in the city service.

During the past administration there were purchased sixty large trucks and no housing accommodations were provided. Our immediate problem in construction would naturally be the erection of one or more garages in locations close to our greater activities, and it is hoped that in some future year money will be available to provide

for this city public works yards equal in appearance and accommodation to those now in service in many of the smaller communities.

Yours very truly,
JOSEPH A. ROUBAKE,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

COST OF NEW ROXBURY COURTHOUSE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 8, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from John P. Englert, Superintendent of Public Buildings, relative to securing the estimate cost of a building suitable for a new courthouse for the Roxbury district. This communication is in reply to your order of February 24, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Buildings Department,
March 5, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—Replying to the inclosed order of the City Council that the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to furnish the City Council with an estimate of the cost for the purchase of land and construction of a building suitable for a new courthouse for the Roxbury district, I respectfully state that I am obtaining the necessary data regarding same and will be very glad to furnish same at a later date.

Respectfully yours,
JOHN P. ENGLERT,
Superintendent of Public Buildings.
Placed on file.

PLAYGROUND IN WARD 15.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 10, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, relative to securing an estimate of amount of money required to establish a playground in the vicinity of Greenwich and Fenton streets. This is in reply to your order of February 24, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, March 3, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I have your memorandum of February 27, with inclosure, order from the City Council that the Park Commission submit an approximate amount of money required to establish a playground for children in the vicinity of Greenwich and Fenton streets, Ward 15—\$30,000 will be required for this purpose.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.
Placed on file.

VETO OF NAMING OF SQUARES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 5, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I return herewith without my signature two orders from the City Council, naming the junction of Lenox and Sawyer streets Louis Marshal square, and the junction of Columbus and Massachusetts avenues Thomas J. McDonald square, for the reason that it has been the practise of the city to confine the naming of squares to men who died overseas during the World War. I have been unable as yet to obtain the information as to the deaths of these two veterans and accordingly withhold my approval of the orders.

I will have no objection to approving new orders for the same purpose at a later date if I receive satisfactory information concerning them.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

SPOT LIGHT, UNION SQUARE, BRIGHTON.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 8, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Herbert A. Wilson, Police Commissioner, relative to the installation of an electric spot light over the traffic officer stationed at Union square, Brighton. This is in reply to your order of February 24, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Police Department, March 6, 1930.
C. Reardon, Chief Clerk,
Office of the Mayor.

Dear Sir,—Replying to your letter of February 27 with inclosure of an order from the City Council that the Police Department be requested to install a spot light at Union square, Brighton, I desire to state that on every week day there is a route officer from Division 14 who covers this location principally for the protection of the school children who must use this intersection when going to school, as follows:

8.15 a. m. to 9 a. m.; 11.50 a. m. to 1.30 p. m.;
3.30 p. m. to 6 p. m.

With daylight now up to 6 p. m., there is no immediate need for this spot light, and there will not be until some permanent traffic officer is assigned to this post.

Yours respectfully,
HERBERT A. WILSON,
Police Commissioner.

Placed on file.

HANOVER STREET BUS LINE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 10, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Edward Dana, General Manager of the Boston Elevated Railway, relative to the Hanover street bus line. This is in reply to your order of February 17, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Boston Elevated Railway,
Boston, March 4, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor,—In reply to your letter of February 24, the matter will be presented to the trustees for further consideration. The trustees took their action because of the necessity for exercising every possible effort to balance income and expenditures for the trustee year ending June 30 and avoid any possibility of assessing a deficit.

The line in question was operated during rush hours; twelve trips being operated; 250 passengers were carried on these twelve trips, which is an average of 10 per half trip. They were all transfer passengers and no revenue accrued to the line itself. The pull-out to get the bus into service was a long one, and in view of the character of traffic, and the fact that a rapid transit station exists on both edges of the district involved (the Atlantic avenue elevated and the Washington Street Tunnel), making the length of route so short, the trustees did not believe they were justified in charging against cost-of-service, a service, of this character for such a minority use. It is only through consideration of services such as these that we have been able to conserve resources to render adequate service where great numbers of people are involved.

Yours very truly,
EDWARD DANA,
General Manager.

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ADVERTISING SIGNS AT CEDAR GROVE STATION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 10, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Edward Dana, General Manager of the Boston Elevated Railway, in reference to the removal of advertising signs from the Cedar Grove Station. This is in reply to your order of February 17, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Boston Elevated Railway,
Boston, February 28, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor,—In reply to your communication with regard to the question of advertising on the Dorchester Tunnel Extension, I beg to advise that the lease for the Dorchester Rapid Transit provides for just such action as has been taken. This is in conformity with all of the leases with regard to rapid transit extensions. The revenue derived from this source is one of the items that offsets the heavy rental charges involved in these extensions.

Very truly yours,
EDWARD DANA, General Manager.
Placed on file.

POLICING OF CHARLESTOWN PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 10, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, relative to having the parks and playgrounds in the Charlestown district policed twenty-four hours. This is in reply to your order of February 24, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, March 3, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I have your memorandum of February 27, with inclosure, order from the City Council, that the Park Commission consider the advisability and feasibility of having the parks and playgrounds in Charlestown district policed twenty-four hours daily.

There is no question but what there is an immense amount of damage done to the playgrounds in the Charlestown district. The Park Department cannot, with its limited number of employees, have men on every playground during the twenty-four hours.

I will, however, take this matter up with the Police Department and see if we cannot get the protection we should have in this district.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

Placed on file.

HANDBALL COURT, LADDER 27 HOUSE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 10, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Edward F. McLaughlin, Fire Commissioner, relative to the establishment of a handball court in the rear of the Ladder 27 House on Walnut street, Neponset. This communication is in reply to your order of February 24, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Fire Department, March 6, 1930.

Hon. James H. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I return herewith a copy of the following order passed by the City Council:

"Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to establish a handball court in the rear of the Ladder 27 House on Walnut street, Neponset."

The commissioner has not received any request from the members of Engine Company 20 or Ladder Company 27 that a handball court be established.

I am not of the opinion that a public handball court should be established adjacent to a fire station.

Yours very truly,
EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN,
Fire Commissioner.

Placed on file.

SALE OF POLICE BOAT "GUARDIAN."

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 10, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I beg to submit herewith communication received from the Police Commissioner, with reference to the police boat commonly called "Guardian." It has been condemned by the United States Steamboat Inspectors and in view of the fact that an appropriation has been made for a new boat for the Police Department the "Guardian" will no longer be required. I respectfully recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Police Department, March 6, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mayor Curley,—I hereby respectfully request that you submit an order to the City Council requesting the sale at public auction of the police boat "Guardian" which has been condemned by the United States Steamboat Inspectors.

I have had two prices submitted to me, which in the opinion of the submitters would be a fair price for the steamer. One is \$7,000 and the other is \$4,000.

I am sending this communication to you after having consulted with the City Auditor, Rupert S. Carven, who states that this is the proper procedure.

Yours respectfully,
HERBERT A. WILSON,
Police Commissioner.

Ordered, That the Police Commissioner be, and hereby is, authorized to sell at a duly advertised public auction, at an upset price of \$7,000, the police boat "Guardian."

Referred to the Executive Committee.

APPROPRIATION FOR CODIFICATION OF BUILDING LAWS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 10, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I beg to forward herewith communication received from the Building Commissioner requesting an appropriation in a sum sufficient to permit of the codification of the building laws. It is my purpose that the proposed codification shall be applicable to the entire metropolitan Boston area, to the end that the city may not be at a disadvantage in the matter of construction because of laws in the remaining cities and towns of the metropolitan area which are lax in provisions necessary for the conservation of health and the protection of life and property.

The codification as here requested is, in the opinion of competent authorities, necessary for the safeguarding of life and property from fire, and represents a chapter in the program of conservation through which it is hoped that it will be possible for Boston to reduce by one half the present annual fire loss.

In the opinion of the Building Commissioner, as set forth in his communication, the sum of \$15,000 to \$20,000 is necessary for this work but, after consultation with the Budget Com-

missioner and personal investigation I feel satisfied that the sum of \$10,000 should prove ample and I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Building Department, February 27, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—After careful investigation of the expenditures attending previous codifications and drawing of Building Laws for the City of Boston, I am convinced that the preparation of the new law will cost between fifteen and twenty thousand dollars, and I would respectfully request your consideration and approval of such an amount.

Respectfully yours,
EUGENE C. HULTMAN,
Building Commissioner.

Ordered, that the sum of \$10,000 be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Building Commissioner for meeting charges for expert and stenographic services and other necessary and proper expenditures in connection with a codification of the building laws of the city, said sum to be charged to the Reserve Fund, when made.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Annie Baker, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 150 Tremont street.

Ida S. Dickson, for compensation for damage to garbage cans by ashmen.

Frank J. Gartner, for wife, for compensation for injuries received at Jamaica Pond boat house.

J. H. Hebb, for compensation for damage to car by city car.

Elizabeth E. Hein, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 1135 and 1137 Commonwealth avenue.

Mills Transfer Company, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Sleeper street.

Walter J. Mulhall, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Curve street, Boston.

Mrs. Frances Peters, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 28 Allen street.

John B. Robinson, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in River street.

Martha L. Scally, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Massachusetts avenue and Newbury street.

William Toon, to be reimbursed for work done for Public Works Department in 1927.

Emilio Vitale, for compensation for injuries received on terryboat.

Edward F. Wallace, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at 1205 Tremont street, Roxbury.

Bessie V. and Lucius W. Wright, for compensation for damage to property caused by stones thrown from Rutherford Avenue Playground.

Gertrude E. Gorey, for compensation for injuries received caused by an alleged defect at 43 Beaumont street, Dorchester.

Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, for compensation for damage to property caused by break in water main.

Committee on Jitney Licenses.

Petition of Boston Elevated Railway for license to operate motor vehicles between Cambridge-Boston line on Charles river dam and Scollay square.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

The appointments by the Mayor of Henry L. Daily, 35 Clarkson street, Dorchester, to be City Registrar, and James R. Gibson, 65 Long Wharf, to be a member of Board of Zoning Adjustment, were received and placed on file.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Notice was received of approval by the Commissioners of Civil Service of the following appointments, viz.:

Frank B. Howland, 6 Waverly street, Roxbury, as Overseer of Public Welfare.

James P. Maloney, 624 Cambridge street, Allston, as Overseer of Public Welfare.

Edward F. McLaughlin, 76 Dunster road, Jamaica Plain, as Fire Commissioner.

Severally placed on file.

CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The constable's bonds of Henry G. Dahlquist, Thomas Freedman, Rudolph L. Trent, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, were received and approved.

SIDEWALK ASSESSMENTS.

Notice was received from the Commissioner of Public Works of costs assessed for constructing artificial stone sidewalks, with orders assessing said sums, as follows:

	Half Cost.
Dean street, Ward 13.....	\$80 51
Boylston street, Wards 5 and 21.....	2,609 14
Florence street, south side, Ward 19....	2,503 64
Vale street, Ward 11.....	1,312 42
Everett street, north side, Ward 18.....	165 10
Morton street, Ward 14.....	2,134 37
Winship street, Wards 21 and 22.....	1,108 98

Orders severally passed under suspension of the rule.

PAY ROLL OF REGISTRY OF DEEDS.

The pay roll of Registry of Deeds for work from March 1 to March 15, inclusive, regular employees, amounting to \$4,746.45, was received and approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Coun. DONOVAN, for the Committee on Finance, submitted reports as follows, viz.:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred February 10) appropriating \$350,000 for new fireboat—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the question came on the passage of the order.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, I might briefly say, for the benefit of the members of the Council, that the appropriation of \$350,000 is for the construction of a new fireboat. The information which we received from the Acting Fire Commissioner is that there are three boats in bad shape, Engine 31 being in the worst shape of the three, which has one pump, built in 1914, and has a capacity of three thousand gallons a minute. Engine 44, built in 1895, has a capacity of six thousand gallons a minute. Engine 47, built in 1909, has a capacity of six thousand gallons a minute. Every year these boats are inspected by the United States steamboat inspectors. The cost of maintenance and upkeep of these boats in 1927 amounted to \$10,904.46, and an additional \$4,207.95 represents work performed by the department mechanics. In 1928 the cost of the upkeep was \$12,595.73, and the work supplied by the department mechanics \$1,901.47. In 1929 the cost of upkeep was \$26,922.39, with the department mechanics' work \$1,151.23, aggregating \$57,833.68 for repairs and upkeep over a period of three years. Each boat is out of service one month each year for repairs. The boiler in Engine 31 is eighteen years old, and last year they replaced eighteen tubes in this boiler. The ordinary life of these boilers is from twelve to fifteen years. A steel ship is contemplated by the Fire Commissioner, with a pump that will throw between eight to ten thousand gallons a minute, with 150 pounds pressure. The estimated cost of construction is furnished by a survey by competent men in their respective lines. They submit a Type A construction, costing, complete, \$344,300. It is an oil-burning steamboat. The Type B is a Diesel pump engine, estimate \$483,450. The gasoline estimate is \$310,200. The Diesel

engine, while the most economical engine on long runs, is not adapted to fire service. The steam is a moderate triple expansion engine. The Diesel is a high grade engine, and the gasoline is a low grade engine. The Acting Fire Commissioner, Mr. Hultman, stressed the crying need of a fireboat at this time.

The report was accepted and the order given its first reading and passage, yeas 20, nays 0.

2. Report on order (referred March 3) that \$40,000 be appropriated to be expended by Park Commission for erection of bleachers, rearranging baseball diamonds, etc., on Healy Playground, Ward 19,—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed, yeas 19, nays 0.

PAYMENT OF AID TO SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

Coun. MAHONEY, for the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, submitted report recommending payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in City of Boston for month of March, 1930.

Report accepted; said order passed.

PROPOSED WARD 16 IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. FISH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Ashmont street, from Peabody square to Neponset avenue, Ward 16.

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to investigate and report to the City Council upon the practicability and estimated cost of enlarging the present inadequate area of Tenen Beach, Ward 16.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

OBSERVANCE OF EVACUATION DAY.

Coun. MAHONEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the heads of departments be authorized to allow all city employees whose services can be dispensed with without detriment to the service, a half-holiday without loss of pay on Evacuation Day, March 17.

Ordered, That the Boston Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to prohibit the parking of automobiles on Broadway, between Dorchester avenue and Farragut road, during the passing of the parade on Evacuation Day, March 17.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to have cleaned and put in proper order, not only the streets to be used for the parade on Evacuation Day, March 17, but all the other streets in South Boston, so that the thousands of people who visit the district on that day will find it in a condition creditable to the City of Boston.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK ON MONKS STREET.

Coun. MAHONEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along 1, 3, 5 and 7 Monks street, Ward 6, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SEWERS EMPTYING INTO ROXBURY CANAL.

Coun. COX offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to submit to the City Council an engineers' report

as to whether or not the present system of sewers and drains now emptying into the Roxbury canal, Fort Point channel and South bay, are adequate for the needs of the adjacent limited area which they now serve; and if, in their opinion, they are inadequate, or a menace to public health, to submit to the City Council a comprehensive plan of adequate sewerage and drainage requirements, together with estimated cost; and whether or not, in their opinion, in the construction of any additional sewerage it is necessary to do away with or fill in the navigable waters of Fort Point channel and the Roxbury canal.

Passed under a suspension of the rule.

PARTITION OF FLATS.

Coun. COX offered the following:

Ordered, That the Law Department, through his Honor the Mayor, be requested to petition the Court for a partition of flats as provided by law,—to establish the ownership of the City of Boston to the flats within the original tidal area of South bay.

Said flats of South Boston were formerly within the territorial limits of the towns of Boston, Roxbury and Dorchester, and are now part of the City of Boston. Said territorial limits are substantially shown on plans authorized by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in 1794 and recorded in the archives at the State House, Boston.

Coun. COX—Mr. President, I should appreciate an opportunity to say a few words explanatory of my reasons for offering these orders. There is now before the Harbors and Public Lands Committee, House Bill 190, a report of the special commission, established under chapter 48 of the Resolves of 1929, to investigate the advisability of filling in the present navigable waters of Fort Point channel and South bay above Dorchester Avenue Bridge, and the disposal of the drainage of their dependents, Dorchester brook and Roxbury canal into the lower portion of Fort Point channel. Mr. President, I am interested in the industrial development of the City of Boston. I am deeply interested in any project which will restore to the Port of Boston its commercial importance. The development of any great port includes the conservation of its navigable waters; and the wisdom of filling in a navigable channel now serving a great industrial section of this city seems to me questionable. The future commercial development of the City of Boston is dependent on its available harbor facilities. Fort Point channel extends from the inner harbor at Northern avenue, southwesterly to Dover street. Roxbury canal extends from Dover street to Southampton street,—a total distance of nearly two miles. The water traffic of these channels has consisted of lumber, logs, coal, brick, lime, sand, building and paving materials and bulky freight that can only be carried profitably by water. The total waterborne traffic of these channels above Dorchester Bridge during the year 1927 was over 277,000 tons, with a valuation of \$3,041,000. South bay was a natural drainage basin for the surrounding territory into which Roxbury and Dorchester brooks discharged. It was used even in Colonial and post-Revolutionary times for the navigation of craft serving the commercial needs of Dorchester and Roxbury of that date. At low tide it was a mass of flats and marshes,—the marshes being grass grown and utilized for cattle grazing and hay-making by the earlier settlers. Originally there were about 100 acres south of what is now Dover street. This condition continued from 1630 to 1800. Between 1800 and 1850 a large area of Boston proper was filled in from excavations taken from South bay and the adjoining marshes,—thereby enlarging the tidal area of South bay to something over 200 acres. This condition continued until about 1900 and from that time on, South bay has been filled in by the various railroad interests, and at present there is a tidal area of approximately twenty acres. Most of the original South bay has been filled in and is now claimed by the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad. It seems to me that the problems of South bay can be divided in three parts, as follows: First,—The commercial interests of the City of Boston,—which do not seem to me to be advanced by this project of filling and destroying a navigable portion of Boston Harbor. Second,—The question of whether or not there is a necessity for additional sewerage facilities, and whether or not it is neces-

sary in this connection to do away with the navigable waters of South bay. As shown in the legislative report, 1928, this work would cost the taxpayers of Boston \$6,734,000. Third,—The question of ownership of these flats in South bay, which has never been determined. From a study of ancient plans of the South bay in the City of Boston and the adjacent towns of Dorchester and Roxbury, it is evident that the flats in the South bay were owned in 1630 by Dorchester, Roxbury and Boston and their territorial limits and boundary lines were recognized by the General Court. These lines remained unchanged as shown on a plan authorized in 1794 by the General Court. In 1868 and 1870, respectively, Roxbury and Dorchester were annexed to Boston. Boston therefore took title to the flats belonging to Dorchester and Roxbury. There has never been a partition of the flats of South bay as required by law and without such partition there could be no individual ownership of these flats. After 1900 the Legislature began to reduce the area within the Harbor Commissioners's lines of South bay and licenses were given from time to time to the railroad companies to fill this abandoned area. About 1868 there were approximately 170 acres of flats encompassed by harbor lines in South bay; and the tidal flow of this great area twice daily carried the impurities out to sea—thus furnishing a natural drainage. This extension of the harbor lines by the Legislature continued until May, 1929, when all harbor lines were abolished; but there are still remaining about twenty acres of tidal area out of the 170 acres originally within the harbor commissioner's lines in 1868. Chapter 134 of the Resolves of 1914 created a commission consisting of the State Board of Health, the Directors of the Port of Boston and the Commissioner of Public Works of the City of Boston—who was at that time Louis K. Rourke—to investigate the advisability of preventing the nuisance now existing in South bay. I quote as follows from their report:

"In a report made by Mr. John L. Howard, assistant engineer to Mr. F. W. Hodgdon, chief engineer of the Directors of the Port of Boston, on this matter of South Bay in 1912, he states that according to statements made by the wharf owners the annual tonnage 'accommodated' by the wharves on South bay was 1,216,000 tons, which was divided up about as follows: coal, 936,850 tons; lumber, 73,000; building materials generally, 64,750 tons; paving material, 16,000 tons; and garbage, 125,000 tons,—1,216,000 tons in round numbers. The paving and garbage tonnage represents the intake and output traffic of the city yards on Albany street, which have a water frontage on the South bay; and the coal supply of the Boston City Hospital, some 11,000 tons annually, is delivered at its coal sheds on the Roxbury canal. The elimination of these navigable channels would make a difference in the freight and cartage bills of the municipality of Boston serious enough to deserve consideration, even if the question of convenience, time-saving in delivery and efficiency of administration were ignored.

"There appears to be a difference in tonnage between the tonnage statistics of the United States Engineer's Office and those of Mr. Howard for the year 1912 of some 500,000 tons, the explanation of which has not been ascertained; but as the federal figures exclude the traffic of Fort Point channel and the municipal garbage and waste tonnage this may account for some of the discrepancy.

"The fact cannot be ignored that there is a very useful and flourishing volume of business transacted in and about the waters of South bay, which afford transportation facilities that are the economic salvation of that business. Deprived of these cheap and convenient traffic routes, as they would be by filling in South bay and its subsidiary channels, the wharf owners would be compelled to seek new locations and new transportation facilities, to the disorganization and possible loss of their business. If they sought new waterfront locations in Dorchester bay, as has been suggested by some investigators, they would move to a shore front whose waters would first have to be made navigable by dredging; and they would find themselves further from their customers, and the deliveries of their supplies slower and more expensive. If they remained in or about the same locality they would have to depend upon the railroads for the transportation of their stock-in-trade, and it is a trade truism that coal, building

materials, and heavy, bulky materials of that nature must have water transportation, or freight rates equally reasonable, since cheap carrying facilities are the breath of their life. Railroads are not either eleemosynary or altruistic institutions; when competition ceases rates rise.

"If the business is displaced or destroyed the owners must be compensated, not only for the business ruined or removed, but for the riparian rights lost. The value of such enterprises, after ruin or removal, grows like Jonah's gourd.

"Here again comes up the purely utilitarian and economic question of the expense to the community such charges involve, and the value derived from them in the increased land prices, business development and æsthetic improvements. Unless the question of the public health and the general betterment of the municipal sanitation is involved, and can be secured only by the complete elimination of South bay, the state and municipality of Boston should be chary in engaging in such an enterprise.

"The ownership of the flats beyond the harbor line in the lower part of South bay, between the railroad tracks and Albany street, which are uncovered at low tide, appears to be in doubt; they have an area of about 1,400,000 square feet; the Commonwealth may or may not have title to them; that is a question that must be settled by investigation, and until it is settled improvements there at public expense cannot very well be entered upon . . . and until the legal ownership of the flats is settled such action would be ill-advised."

It is my understanding, Mr. Chairman, that the City of Boston has title to flats of South bay amounting to from 25 to 50 acres, with a valuation if this property is filled in of from \$25,000 to \$50,000. Therefore, I feel that this is properly a matter for the Law Department to look into.

The order was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

PROPOSED WARD 20 IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. COX offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Schiller road, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Stimson road, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Shaw street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor to accept and lay out Schirmer road, Precinct 6, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Stimson street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Saville street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Selwyn street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Ravenna road, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Roberts avenue, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Rumford road, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Partridge street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Park Front road, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Perham Street Extension, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Nut street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out New Haven street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Newfield street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out North avenue, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Newburg street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out McCraw Street Footway, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Manning street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Montclair avenue, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Merlin street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Moreland street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Montgomery street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Libby street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Lorette street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Leland road, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Keith street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Keystone street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners

be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Hodgdon terrace, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Hill street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Highview avenue, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Hollywood road, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Harwood road, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Halton road, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners, through his Honor the Mayor, be requested to accept and lay out Heldun street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

REPAVING OF THORNTON STREET.

Coun. ENGLERT offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave Thornton street, Ward 11, with smooth paving.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK ON WASHINGTON STREET, WARD 11.

Coun. ENGLERT offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Washington street, from Glen road to Lotus place, Ward 11, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining; to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

FENCE ON MATHER SCHOOL PROPERTY.

Coun. KELLY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston School Committee be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to erect a fence on the Mather School property bordering East street, in order to eliminate further accidents to primary grade children of tender years, caused by a forty-foot drop to the street for a distance of approximately one hundred yards, the last similar accident, in which serious injury resulted to a child named McKendry, nearly resulting in death, having stirred the people of Dorchester to demand the immediate remedying of this dangerous situation.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PROPOSED WARD 9 IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. GLEASON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install a light in Eliot square, at the corner of Highland street, Ward 9.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Blanchard street, Ward 9.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install a light at the corner of Norfolk

and Highland streets, Ward 9.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install a light at the car stop on Northampton street, between Chester place and Washington street.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

PROPOSED WARD 2 IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept, lay out and extend Dupont street, from Decatur street to Moulton street, Ward 2, for the purpose of relieving traffic congestion on Chelsea street.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Chauncey place, Ward 2, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept, lay out and extend Decatur court, from Decatur to Moulton street, Ward 2, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to consider the advisability and feasibility of widening Decatur street, Ward 2, for the purpose of relieving traffic congestion on Chelsea street.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Fremont place, Ward 2, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install a beacon at the junction of Warren, Park, Henley and Call streets, Ward 2.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

PROPOSED WARD 19 IMPROVEMENT.

Coun. MURRAY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Ferndale road, Ward 19, as a public highway.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PROPOSED WARD 14 IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. RUBY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept Astoria street, Ward 14, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth pavement Kerwin street, Ward 14.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

REINSTATEMENT OF WILLIAM P. HAYES.

Coun. DONOVAN offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston hereby favors the enactment of legislation authorizing the temporary reinstatement, for the purpose of retirement only, of William P. Hayes as a member of the Boston Police Department.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ANNUITY TO WIDOW OF JOSEPH L. ALLEN.

Coun. NORTON offered the following:

Ordered, That an annuity of \$600 be allowed and paid to the widow of Joseph L. Allen, late member of the Fire Department, who died from injuries received in the performance of his duty,

such annuity to continue so long as said widow remains unmarried, and to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department, Pensions and Annuities.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PROPOSED WARD 18 IMPROVEMENT.

Coun. NORTON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Waterloo street, Ward 18.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

INVITATION TO HON. ALFRED E. SMITH.

Coun. NORTON offered the following:

Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor be requested, on behalf of the City Council, to invite the Hon. Alfred E. Smith of New York to be the guest of the City of Boston during the coming tercentenary exercises.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

BASEBALL DIAMONDS.

Coun. FISH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to place in proper condition for the coming season the baseball diamonds on the Dorchester Town Field, Ashmont Playground, Mary Hemenway Playground, Neponset Playground and Dorchester Park.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PROPOSED WARD 17 IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be, and said Board hereby is, requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept as a public highway Darling street, Dorchester, from Norfolk street to Southern avenue, in Ward 17.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be, and said Board hereby is, requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept as a public highway Moody street, Dorchester, in Ward 17.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

STREET CAR RESERVATION IN HUNTINGTON AVENUE.

Coun. ARNOLD offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to investigate and report to the City Council upon the advisability and practicability of either narrowing the street-car reservation in Huntington avenue, between Copley square and Francis street, or eliminating it altogether, as a measure of public safety.

Coun. ARNOLD—Mr. President, feeling, as I do, that this is the psychological moment to engage the attention of the members of the Council, in view of the fact that most members of this body had occasion to visit Huntington avenue last week, Thursday night, I would say at this time that the congestion then in evidence is not an unusual thing upon Huntington avenue. Last night, it took me ten minutes to get from Westland avenue to my office, a distance of about six blocks. The records of accidents during the years of 1927, 1928 and 1929 show that Huntington avenue, from Copley square to Francis street, has had 196 accidents resulting in personal injury or death. Huntington avenue, from curb to curb, is about 75 feet wide, divided into two 25-foot roadways and a 25-foot reservation on which the Boston Elevated Railway has two tracks. This reservation is bounded on either side with granite curbs. The distance from the outer rail to the curb is 3½ feet and the dummy between the tracks is about 8½ feet. The standard width of dummy

between tracks on most streets is 5 feet. If both tracks in the Huntington avenue reservation were moved in so as to make a 5-foot dummy, this would give a clearance of 5 feet between the outer rail and curb on either side of the reservation. This would allow room enough for passengers entering or leaving the cars to stand on the reservation. As it is now, passengers waiting for street cars have to step from the reservation into the roadway on the approach of a street car, thus placing the street car patrons in a very dangerous position. These track changes would probably cost upwards of \$120,000. An alternative proposition that would relieve congestion on Huntington avenue would be to remove the reservation entirely, relay the tracks so that a 5-foot dummy would be between tracks and have a continuous pavement from curb to curb. Safety zones would have to be established at each car stop. A study of the matter has been made by the Traffic Commission, and I would now suggest that it be taken up by the Commissioner of Public Works, with a view to having something done which will relieve the congestion in that particular area. It is one of the most populous parts of downtown Boston, and I believe the relief suggested by either of these two plans would mean really a great benefit to the public. I move suspension of the rule and the passage of the order.

On motion of Coun. BUSH, the order was referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

MOTION TO TAKE UP APPOINTMENTS.

Coun. GREEN—Mr. Chairman, I move to take No. 2 from the calendar.

No. 2, under unfinished business, is as follows:

2. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor March 3, 1930, of Hugh P. McColgan and Thomas J. Duffley, to be Weighers of Goods.

President LYNCH—The Chair will also call up No. 1.

No. 1, under unfinished business, is as follows:

1. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor March 3, 1930, of James P. Hayes, Edgar F. Callahan, Archibald W. Ready, Hyman Rossman, William T. J. O'Malley, William J. Galby, John Kelly, John H. Logue, and Charles E. Dowd, to be Constables.

Coun. BUSH—Mr. President, I move that these appointments be held until after the meeting of the Executive Committee.

President LYNCH—If there is no objection, the Chair will defer the matter until the latter part of the session.

NEW EAST BOSTON FERRY TOLLS.

On motion of Coun. DONOVAN, assignment No. 3 on the calendar was taken from the table, viz.:

3. Ordinance establishing a new tariff of tolls on the East Boston ferries, to take effect April 1, 1930.

The question came on the passage of the ordinance.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I wish to offer the following amendment:

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect beginning with the first day of April, 1930. The fees herein established shall continue until January 1, 1934, and on and after that day the fees shall be as follows:

Passengers.	
Foot passengers.....	1 cent
Passengers on vehicles, other than driver, each.....	1 cent
Vehicles.	
One or two horse vehicles with driver...	15 cents
Three or four horse vehicle with driver...	25 cents
Passenger automobile with driver.....	20 cents
Motor truck, six tons or less, with driver...	20 cents
Motor truck, over six tons, with driver...	30 cents
Auto bus with driver.....	30 cents
Motorcycle with driver.....	10 cents
Trailer.....	20 cents
Miscellaneous.	
Hand cart, or wheelbarrow, and man...	10 cents
Horse and rider.....	10 cents
Horses and cattle, each with attendant...	10 cents

Tickets for Vehicles.

Tickets in packages of twenty shall be sold at a reduction of 20 per cent from toll rates.

Funeral Processions.

Funeral processions shall pass free of tolls.

The question came on the adoption of the amendment:

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, I am opposed to that amendment as offered by Councilor Wilson, because, as I view it, it is nothing more nor less than a repetition of the one he introduced last week asking postponement for two years. None of us can foresee what conditions will be four years from today, and I believe it would be good policy to leave matters so that the Council that is here at that time may deal with the situation that exists, whatever it may be.

Coun. NORTON—Mr. President, I come from the farther end of the city, as far away from Councilor Donovan's ward as any section, and I am not influenced in any sectional way, therefore, so far as East Boston is concerned. Nevertheless, for some years I have been interested in the East Boston section, and have had a strong feeling that it has not been justly dealt with. It appears to me that we have become rather toll-minded so far as that part of our city is concerned. It has been interesting to me to follow the history of Noddle Island down from the early days to the time of the Civil War and since, and to see how the question of a bridge or some means of communication with East Boston, was debated and considered many years ago. Ferries, instead of a bridge, were decided on, and there has ever since been continual controversy about the tolls, their increase, decrease or abolition. To my mind, Mr. President, the whole question of transportation between East Boston and the city proper was never justly settled. It seems to me rather singular, for example, that we should build subways here in Boston and tax the Boston Elevated Railway 4½ per cent a year interest to pay for those subways, and yet when a tunnel was built to East Boston a toll should be charged, which has been in existence for over twenty years. I don't see why that toll should ever have been imposed, as I do not see at this time why the ordinance proposed by Mayor Curley should not be passed. It seems to me simply a matter of justice. While it may be unfortunate that there is this stretch of water between Noddle Island and the City of Boston, the fact remains that East Boston is a part of this city and that that is the existing condition. There was a time when tolls were general, not only for ferries but for bridges, a time when tolls were charged going over the bridges to Chelsea and Charlestown, a time in the old days when people were compelled to pay tolls to travel over the Worcester and the Newburyport turnpikes. But that time has long passed, and yet still we see this toll existing between the City of Boston proper and another part of our city, East Boston. To my mind it is a time that this handicap, so far as the East Boston section is concerned, was eliminated. Councilor Fitzgerald at the last meeting spoke about former conditions in East Boston, and about the recent period of decline. It is a fact that, particularly within the last twenty years, East Boston, so far as industrial progress is concerned, has declined. It is unfortunate that we have treated East Boston in the way we have as compared with other outlying sections of this city. Conditions have changed. We have seen many millions spent upon the Army Base and upon the Commonwealth Pier in South Boston; we have seen the development of the Fish Pier and the diversion of a great deal of shipping and commercial movement to the South Boston area. Forty, fifty and sixty years ago East Boston was the great pier section. It was selected by Sam Cunard, when he came here with his vessels, and they and some others are still there, in spite of the unfortunate handicap through tolls and the fact that the section is hard to get to. It is today a fact that a teamster or truckman who makes eight trips between the Commonwealth Pier or Army Base in South Boston and the National Warehouse docks in East Boston has to pay tolls which amount to more than he is paid for his day's labor. It is unfortunate for the National Dock Terminal, the Hodge Boiler Works, the Atlantic Works and other such industries, situated in the Noddle Island section, that they should be in the position they are in at the present time. There is a severe handicap to the National

Dock Company, for example, with an investment of over \$5,000,000 in storage property, that it has to compete under such conditions with other storage warehouses in various sections of the city. Traffic goes over the L Street Bridge, Northampton street and other bridges, to South Boston, as well as the other outlying sections of the city besides South Boston, without this handicap that applies to East Boston alone. Over all the bridges, to South Boston, Charlestown, to Cambridge to other sections, there is free passage, freely availed of by the industries in the different sections, and East Boston alone suffers. Therefore, I feel certain that increased tolls should not go into effect. The idea behind Councilor Wilson's amendment is that such increased tolls will be imposed when the tunnel or bridge to East Boston shall have been completed. It is impossible to tell at this time when that will be. I would like to make the tolls between East Boston and the East Boston section as small as possible consistent with the finances of the city. When the great President Wilson sailed up to the Commonwealth Pier from abroad in 1919, he asked one question of the late Lieutenant-Commander, and that question was, "Show me, Mr. Commander, the yard of Donald McKay," Robert W. Emmons could only point out the general section where the yard had been, and to say that conditions had since changed; and the reply was that that was unfortunate considering that years ago that section was the primary ship-building section of the Commonwealth and of the nation, with the added comment, "And see the condition it is in now!" That vividly illustrates the contrast between past and present conditions so far as East Boston is concerned. I feel that many of us would like to see conditions in that section at least partially restored, as might well happen with the removal of present handicaps.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, with reference to the remarks of the gentleman who lives a lot nearer to my ward than to East Boston, I would simply say that I am interested in as low tolls as are possible consistent with a proper financial policy of the city. I am simply wondering how we might reach such a figure. But we must, it seems to me, bear in mind the fact that there is at present an annual deficit on the ferries in the neighborhood of three-quarters of a million dollars. I am wondering, looking at this purely as a matter of financial policy on the part of the City of Boston, how long we are justified in continuing that sort of thing when the burden must be borne by other sections of the city. I do not for a moment endeavor to set up my personal judgment against a policy that has been pursued for the last forty-three years, nor against the policy that has been followed in the matter of tunnel tolls since the inception of the tunnel; nor for a moment would I set up my judgment against the apparently satisfactory fiscal policy of New York City, which looks upon tunnel tolls as no particular innovation. With reference to the figures that have been given, of course, they make excellent material for popular appeal, and there is a note of pathos in the speeches in favor of no tolls for East Boston, when stress is laid upon the fact that the district has gone back in the past thirty, forty or fifty years.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, will the councilor yield for a question?

Coun. WILSON—Yes.

Coun. DONOVAN—Would the gentleman be in favor of imposing a toll on bridges connecting different parts of Boston, or connecting Boston with other communities?

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I don't know of any bridge that separates my ward from Boston, but if there were such I should probably object to a toll on a bridge across which I had to go under my own gasoline power, and which I was not carried across.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, one more question,—would the gentleman be in favor of paying a toll on the bridges from South Boston to Boston?

Coun. WILSON—No. As I say, I would object to a toll on a bridge where I went across under my own power, just as I would suggest that the people of East Boston can do, by taking the three-mile route through Charlestown rather than going by the short route on the ferry, and in going by way of Charlestown they would be traveling a much shorter distance than I would have to travel coming in from Dorchester.

Coun. DONOVAN—One further question,—does the gentleman realize that there is a deficit arising from the operation of the bridges in Boston

amounting to \$600,000? He speaks of there being a deficit of \$500,000 to \$700,000 in the operation of the East Boston ferries, but does he realize that there is an annual deficit in running our bridge system of \$600,000, for which the people of East Boston, as well as the people of other parts of the city are taxed?

President LYNCH—The Chair would rule the question which the councilor originally desired to ask has been answered.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I would like to answer the gentleman's question in this way. I don't know how much the deficit from the bridges is, but I am interested to learn that the deficit from all the bridges of Boston is \$150,000 less annually than the deficit that arises from running the three or four ferryboats that go to East Boston and back, and that makes my argument in this matter stronger, that house owners in other parts of the City of Boston should not be called upon to meet the large deficit which arises from simply running these few ferryboats. Nor do I suppose that the previous speaker would wish me or any other member of the Council to agree that the mere fact that vehicles passing over on the East Boston ferryboats last year paid a total of \$89,000 imposed such a hardship as to account for the crippling of East Boston industry in recent years, or that the conditions complained of would be corrected if they paid only half that amount. I don't suppose he would claim that if the people of East Boston were required to pay only \$30,000 or \$40,000 in tolls it would bring back previous business conditions, that it would result in concerns going there and erecting twenty or thirty story buildings against the skyline. The thing that appeals to me in the matter is this: We all know the action that was taken practically unanimously by this body last year. We now see a change of front, and I don't know of any change in the conditions that has brought it about. The members of this body last year were virtually in complete agreement on the increased rates that were put through by that body, under the Nichols administration. The Nichols rates were considered for a year and a half or two years, and there came a day when the people of East Boston wanted the people of Boston to authorize the expenditure of \$16,000,000 or more for a tunnel. The action taken last year had the construction of such a tunnel in view, and the people of East Boston were then apparently agreeable to the imposition of the increased rates which were passed at that time. Now, if you want a tunnel to East Boston, that will cost \$16,000,000 at least, and the cost of which will probably exceed \$20,000,000, isn't it a fair proposition that the Nichols amendment to the ordinances, in the matter of rates, should stand? The thing went through on that basis, and I and many other members voted for the East Boston tunnel on that understanding. That was the basis upon which it went through and, therefore, I say that the action now proposed is unfair and improper. I say that to the members of the Council sitting here this afternoon, and having in mind that the action then taken was upon that understanding. I say it is now poor sportsmanship to go back on it simply because you have the votes, and I say that whether you like it or not. A point has been made in regard to the difference in the amendment offered last week and the one offered this week. Last week, asking various persons how many years it would take to finish the tunnel, we got the figure of about two years, and I put in the two years accordingly. Asking the chairman of the Transit Commission last week how long it would take, he said it would be three or three and one-half years. So I have now introduced a change in the time, accordingly, as a result of having had the matter put over for one week, until this meeting. But I do say now to the members from sections of the city outside of East Boston, who took the action they did last year and who are now proposing to take different action, that they are not giving a square deal to the house owners who elected them.

Coun. BUSH—When does this amendment take effect?

President LYNCH—1934.

Coun. NORTON—Mr. President, the gentleman from Dorchester (Coun. Wilson) speaks about the negligible effect that the payment of \$89,000 in tolls would have as affecting the business prosperity of that section. I would remind the gentleman that a 2-cent differential against the port of Boston is considered sufficient to send the port commercially into the realm of oblivion.

It is not a question of the seemingly small total amount that you may figure, but the estimates of the Chamber of Commerce show that a differential of 2 cents per 100 pounds against the port of Boston would probably result in the ruin of the port, because of the effect of that differential on products coming from the Middle West, consigned via Albany, Buffalo and Boston. We have spent a quarter of a million dollars in an attempt to have the Interstate Commerce Commission eliminate that 2 cents per 100 pounds, and the argument presented is that that 2 cents per 100 pounds will probably result in the diversion of freight, that would otherwise be consigned by way of Boston, to New York or other ports. That is the result that is feared from a differential of but 2 cents per 100 pounds. It sounds small, just as the East Boston toll seems small to some, but it results in untold injury to our port. So, when we are told that the question of \$50,000 or \$89,000 in tolls to East Boston makes no difference, I say that a very small charge may well result in the diversion of business from East Boston. While \$89,000 may not seem large as a total amount, the imposition of these tolls has a far-reaching effect. Trade moves according to the economics of finance, and a five-cent charge on a truck going to the East Boston section is very likely to divert the truck to some other area. So I say that this sort of thing is unfair to East Boston. That section has had to suffer hardship. From the time when Samuel Maverick went there and settled, we have had discussions regarding tolls, ferries and bridges for the East Boston section. During the Civil War East Boston appealed to the City of Boston to give to them the benefit of the Boston water supply. A great battle was put up for that by the Noddle Islanders at that time, but the argument used against East Boston was that she is too far away, too hard to get to. Finally, East Boston got the Cohituate water supply. But we have always in Boston labored under the delusion that East Boston is a section apart. Why should we have made the discrimination that we did against East Boston in the matter of subways or tunnels? Why should the people of my ward be able to use the tunnels and subways without the payment of a toll charge, while for twenty-one years the East Boston people have had to pay a toll in the East Boston tunnel? When we are faced by the fact that the additional toll charges since the first of January for the use of the ferries have resulted in a decline of 40 per cent in the traffic over the ferries, isn't that a good argument for remedying the situation at the present time? The gentleman talks about the additional burden that may be placed upon the people of his ward or of other sections because of these tolls. If one section suffers seriously, Mr. President, all sections suffer. If East Boston is unjustly treated as a section, and suffers serious detriment, every section of Boston suffers. We cannot go forward in the Hyde Park or Dorchester sections unless proper treatment is accorded to other parts of the city, and I say that East Boston is entitled to a fair deal and to justice in this matter.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I don't want to keep this up indefinitely, but I do not want to have it appear on record, seemingly through my silence, that I am convinced by the comparisons which the gentleman from the adjacent ward has made. Of course, there is no fair basis of comparison between the 2 cents per 100 pounds differential rate that he refers to and the \$89,000 for East Boston tolls. A fair comparison might be the thousands or hundreds of thousands of dollars total affected by the Interstate Commerce rate, not simply making a comparison between the 2 cents per 100 differential and the \$89,000 paid for tolls. Nor do I want to appear on the record as apparently having fallen for the argument, for one moment, that there is a fair basis of comparison between the Dorchester elevated tunnel and the East Boston Ferry. Every fair-minded man knows, also, that the Dorchester elevated tunnel and the East Boston elevated tunnel were treated on the same basis.

Coun. BUSH—Mr. President, it seems to me that this is more or less of a tempest in a teapot at the present time. The councilor from Dorchester, in the amendment to the ordinance that he has offered, calls for a reduction of the Nichols tolls, or tolls on somewhere near that scale, four years from the present time. When the tolls were increased last year it was understood that the purpose of the increase was to reimburse the city for the deficit it was forced to pay because

of the running of the ferries, in view of the tunnel that was going to be built, and that it was the desire to help meet the cost of the tunnel. As a practical matter, when the tunnel is finally constructed there will be a toll charge on the tunnel which will force the ferries into competition with the tunnel, with the result that there will be a considerable amount of traffic on both the ferries and the tunnel. The ferries may eventually have to be abolished entirely or they may have to decrease the fares or the tolls, in order to compete with the traffic in the tunnel. I fail to see, however, why this body should concern itself with that contingency until it arises. I don't think the councilor from Dorchester (Coun. Wilson) is asking anything extraordinary in placing this amendment before the body, to take effect four years from now. Undoubtedly by that time either a tunnel or a bridge will be constructed, and when that time comes there will then be an opportunity to take the matter up again and arrive at a decision with regard to ferry and tunnel fares and tolls. I think the amendment offered at the present time is a fair enough amendment. It does not impose any hardship for the present, and four years from now, if the citizens of East Boston feel that any hardship is being imposed upon them, can have the matter taken up by the Council with a view to determine whether it is really a hardship, is really inequitable or unjust to the citizens of East Boston to continue the ferry tolls at all, or whether new rates should go into effect.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, I did not intend to burden the Council today with any further remarks in regard to the East Boston tunnel. I have taken the position I have here, as representing the citizens of East Boston, the same as my colleague from Dorchester is representing the people of his section. Let me say, however, that when the people of his section and of the rest of the city were enjoying the privilege of a five-cent fare, the people of East Boston were paying a six-cent fare; that when the Dorchester tunnel was put through, the people of East Boston did not say, "You should pay an extra cent to ride to Dorchester," although the people of East Boston have had to pay that extra cent on the East Boston tunnel. Mr. President, the people of East Boston are paying today a ten-cent carfare for a ride of less than a mile, where the people of Dorchester and other outlying sections pay only a ten-cent carfare for a very much longer ride, coming in, for instance, from Milton, Dorchester Lower Mills and from Newton. I am living in East Boston, because I was born in East Boston. There are some advantages in living in some of these other outlying communities, but I love East Boston, I am living there as my forefathers lived there; and, as my forefathers objected to unjust taxation, so do I, on behalf of the people of East Boston, object today to unjust taxation. I certainly trust that no unjust tribute will be demanded of the people whom I have the honor to represent. We have been unjustly treated for very many years, and it is now time that it should cease.

Coun. Wilson's amendment was declared rejected. Coun. WILSON doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

Coun. Wilson's amendment was rejected, yeas 7, nays 14:

Yeas—Coun. Arnold, Bush, Cox, Gleason, Hein, Kelly, Wilson—7.

Nays—Coun. Curtis, Donovan, Dowd, Englert, Fish, Fitzgerald, Green, Lynch, Mahoney, McGrath, Murray, Norton, Power, Ruby—14.

The ordinance was passed.

SIDEWALK ON HIGHLAND STREET.

Coun. GLEASON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Highland street, both sides, from Millmont street to Lambert street, Ward 9, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REAPPOINTMENT OF CONSTABLES.

Coun. RUBY offered the following:

Ordered, That a special committee of five members of the City Council be appointed by the President to investigate candidates for reappointment as constables.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

RECESS.

The Council voted, at 3.27 p. m., on motion of Coun. BUSH, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled in the Council Chamber at 4.15 p. m. and were called to order by President LYNCH.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. MAHONEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted reports, as follows:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) that \$10,000 be appropriated for the codification of the building laws—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the order was passed, yeas 21, nays 0.

2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) for the sale of police boat "Guardian" at public auction—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

ADDITIONAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Coun. DONOVAN, for the Committee on Finance, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred January 13) appropriating \$300,000 for purchase of site and erection of building for Printing Department—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the question came on the passage of the order.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, I might briefly state what I have here in reference to the Municipal Printing Plant. The appropriation of \$300,000 for a municipal printing plant represents a saving in that department, through Mr. Casey and his workmen, of \$300,000 on competitive work. At present the printing plant of the City of Boston leases a place at 286 Congress street, for which they pay a rental of \$15,000 a year. Since 1897 the printing plant of our city has been forced to move four times, three times by compulsion, costing some \$30,000 for these moves. Their present lease is renewed yearly. They have at the present time 24,000 feet of floor space, and need an additional 15,000 feet.

Coun. MURRAY—Mr. President, I would like to ask whether that is a loan or an appropriation?

Coun. DONOVAN—An appropriation.

Coun. MURRAY—Then, Mr. President, I think that was referred to the wrong committee. I think it should go to the Committee on Appropriations and not to the Committee on Finance.

President LYNCH—The Chair will rule that he referred the order to the Committee on Finance, as that committee was already functioning, and the Committee on Appropriations had not functioned up to that time. That was the reason for the reference, so that the necessary action on the order might be taken as soon as possible.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. Chairman, as chairman of the Committee on Appropriations let me say that that committee is ready to serve and to act upon anything that may properly come before it. But that is not the reason why I have arisen. Do I understand that this particular order calls for the purchase of land, for the erection of a building, or for the purchase of land and the erection of a building? Just what does it provide for?

President LYNCH—The clerk will read the order.

(The clerk read the order.)

Coun. HEIN—Do I understand, Mr. President, that this is a new appropriation of \$300,000 that they want, or is it an amount that they have got now, what they have saved in conducting the printing plant?

President LYNCH—It is made up of surplus revenue that has been accumulated for a period of years.

Coun. HEIN—That the printing plant has saved, themselves?

President LYNCH—Yes.

Coun. MURRAY—Mr. President, would it be out of order to refer that to the Committee on Appropriations now?

President LYNCH—The councilor may make the motion to refer it to the committee, if he wishes to do so.

Coun. MURRAY—Mr. President, I make a motion to refer that order to the Committee on Appropriations.

The motion to refer the order to the Committee on Appropriations was declared lost.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I don't want to appear too persistent, but would you mind having that order read again?

(The clerk again read the order.)

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I thought my hearing was good. Now, do I understand, having heard the reading of that order, that we are going to spend this money for the purchase of an existing building, for the purchase of land on which a building is to be erected, or just what is proposed? I have the misfortune or the good fortune not to be on the Committee on Finance, and I am wondering perhaps whether such a small detail as that has been gone into by the committee.

President LYNCH—The Chair understands that the order contemplates the purchase of land and the erection of a building. I think the chairman of the committee may give any further information that may be desired.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, I would like to say, for the benefit of my colleagues, that the Superintendent of the Printing Plant stated specifically that he had no particular knowledge where the building was to be erected. He stressed the point, however, that he would like to have a new municipal plant and said he would like to see it constructed in a place accessible to City Hall. I am unaware where the plant is to be located, and, in talking with the superintendent, he did not know where it was to be located. He merely stressed the point that he wanted a new municipal printing plant.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I want to be consistent and logical, even if I am in the City Council, and it is hard to vote logically for a proposition when you don't know exactly what it means. I think it is well to know, when we are dealing with a matter that involves \$300,000, what it is proposed to do. I feel that we are entitled to know, in regard to such a large amount, whether it is proposed to buy a building, to buy land and construct a building, or to buy building and land. We might, for instance, be in favor of appropriating \$300,000 to purchase land and erect a building, when we might feel that it was too much for simply the building, to be placed on city-owned land, perhaps on the site of Station 8 or wherever it might be. I would like to know from the Committee on Finance, if they know, whether it is proposed to take the site of Station 8 and erect a building, or whether it is proposed to buy land and erect a building, or whether this is simply intended for the building itself. I think it is well to know about these things and not to take too much for granted, no matter what outside assurances we may have, on a matter involving several hundred thousand dollars.

Coun. BUSH—Mr. President, I want to state for the benefit of the members of the Council that when this matter was considered by the committee at its first meeting I received notification of the meeting by special delivery which arrived at my home at midnight on the day when the meeting was held. The hearing, I understand, was at three o'clock that afternoon. Therefore, I was unable to be present at that first meeting. The order was passed at that time, but because of that fact was not introduced earlier. There was another meeting held here last week, of which I received no notification at all, although the Clerk of Committees said he did send a notice of the meeting, and I am inclined to believe him. I never received it, however, and therefore I was not present at that meeting. It seems to me that the order as it reads at the present time is not properly signed. I may be wrong. I shall vote for the order, in any event, but it seems to me the order should be phrased so as to include the land and the building, rather than just the building itself.

President LYNCH—The Chair would state that the City Auditor has passed on this order and that it covers both land and building.

Coun. McGRATH—Might I suggest, Mr. President, that this order has been introduced by his Honor the Mayor and, while the Finance Committee, because in the regular course of procedure it has to report the order that has come to it in this way, has so reported it, we can rely on his Honor the Mayor to see that the people will get a good deal, no matter whether the order in its wording applies to the land or to the building.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, in view of those remarks, I want my position made clear. I have every respect and regard for the Mayor of this city, but still I have not got yet to the point where I think the City Council should be done away with, however bad it may be. Therefore, I still insist, whether I am voting on a five-dollar bill or a larger amount, that I want adequate explanations, no matter who is mayor. I would therefore ask, if the order does not include land and the construction of the building, that it be amended to read properly, no matter what city official may say it is all right. While I continue to be a member of the body, I will vote on my own basis.

Coun. HEIN—Mr. President, I understand that this money is to be spent by the Superintendent of Public Buildings, and I think if the Mayor is to have jurisdiction of the expenditure of this \$300,000, he will see that it is spent to good advantage.

Chairman LYNCH—The Chair will state that the money is to be expended by the Superintendent of Printing. The question is on the acceptance of the report.

The report was accepted and the order was passed, yeas 21, nays 0.

Later in the session Coun. WILSON said:

Mr. President, I would like to make an inquiry with reference to the order we have passed today concerning the printing plant. Do I understand that that is an appropriation or a loan order, and whether it requires a second reading?

President LYNCH—The Chair will state that it was an appropriation order and requires no second reading.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, because I thought the order was simply having its first reading, and not being desirous of being finicky, I did not ask to get an opinion of the Corporation Council on the matter before we finally acted on it. I now wish to call attention to the point—because I hate to be in the position of voting for \$300,000 for the construction of a building—that this order does not include in its terms the purchase of land and the construction of the building. I still do not think the order is in proper form.

President LYNCH—The Chair will state that, if he mentioned that the order had simply taken its first reading, he was in error.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES.

Coun. GREEN, for the Committee on Ordinances, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and ordinance (referred January 20) in regard to standing passengers in jitneys—recommending passage of accompanying new draft, viz.:

An Ordinance Concerning Passengers on Jitneys. Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Chapter thirty-nine of the Revised Ordinances of 1925 is hereby amended by striking out section one hundred and one, and inserting in place thereof the following:

Section 101. The license issued for each motor vehicle shall fix and specify its seating capacity, exclusive of the operator. Passengers in excess of twenty-five per cent above the seating capacity of such motor vehicle shall not be carried. Whenever the number of passengers applying for transportation exceeds the number hereinbefore provided for it shall be the duty of the licensee to furnish sufficient additional facilities to carry such passengers. No person operating or in charge of any such vehicle shall take on or suffer or permit more persons to ride or to be carried thereon at any one time than is authorized by this section, or permit any person to stand or sit upon any running board, steps, fender, dash or hood thereof, or permit any person to ride on such motor vehicle outside the body thereof; provided, however, that in addition to the number of passengers which said motor vehicle by the terms of this section is permitted to carry, children under seven years of age may be carried

therein, in arms, or seated on the laps of adult persons accompanying them, but no passenger with a child in arms or seated on the lap shall be permitted on any front seat of the vehicle.

Coun. GREEN—Mr. President, I received, as chairman of the Committee on Ordinances, a communication from the officials of the Elevated that I would like to have the clerk read for the information of the members.

The clerk read the communication referred to, as follows:

Boston Elevated Railway,
Public Trustees,
Park Square Building,
Boston, January 9, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—In the effort to meet the practical situation with regard to running satisfactory bus service we are confronted with short periods of time where fluctuations in movement of passengers for short distances indicate that it would be in the interest of the car riders themselves to have the privilege, up to a reasonable limit, of boarding buses in excess of the seating capacity, which limit is now set by ordinance at the seating capacity.

The Department of Public Utilities in the rules and regulations which they have laid down recognize and provide for standing passengers up to 25 per cent of the seating capacity, as follows:

"Standees and Seats. Passengers in excess of 25 per cent above the seating capacity of the motor vehicle shall not habitually be carried. Where the number of passengers regularly applying for transportation exceeds that above provided for, it shall be the duty of the licensee to furnish additional facilities to carry such passengers. In no event shall standing passengers be carried for a distance in excess of 15 miles."

The ordinances in the towns of Arlington, Belmont, Brookline, Medford, Malden, Somerville, Watertown now provide for standing passengers to meet the very conditions to which I am calling attention.

The more modern type of buses which are now being manufactured lend themselves to this situation also in a very much more noticeable degree.

It is manifestly impossible for car riders to carry the expense involved of additional operators, buses, etc., to take care of such brief periods of overload. The inconvenience now caused such passengers of waiting for following buses can be obviated if the city would modify the ordinance to coincide with the regulations now in effect of the Department of Public Utilities.

There are short peaks in the movement of traffic as well as emergencies where it would seem as if such action would be in the interest of those who ride.

I am calling this to your attention with the hope that we may have this cooperation extended to us in Boston, as is done in the other cities and towns.

Yours very truly,

EDWARD DANA,
General Manager.

Coun. HEIN—Mr. President, I don't believe there is an Elevated bus running today at the peak hours that does not carry passengers to the extent of the standing room. They are just packed in like a lot of sheep, the same as they are in the cars. Now, why not change the law, and then hold them up to compliance with the law?

Coun. DOWD—Mr. President, the amendment reported by the Committee on Ordinances is simply a repetition of what the Council has done twice before in the last four years. The question for the members of the Council to determine is, whether they are going to allow the Boston Elevated Railway Company to crowd its buses the same as it crowds the elevated cars in the tunnels and elsewhere at night? God knows, it is bad enough to ride home during the rush hours, anyway, without having the cars and buses crowded as they are. I feel very sorry for the unfortunate persons who are riding thirty to thirty-two in a bus, but if this amendment prevails, an addition of 20 to 25 per cent of standees will be added in the rush hours—and if you give sanction to 25 per cent, what will happen? You know, and I know, that there will be 50 per cent of standees, and the number of buses rendering service will not be enlarged but lessened. I say that the officials of the Elevated Street Railway Company obtain sufficient revenue to supply the people of Boston, especially in buses, with seats for each and every

person. Only two weeks ago the city of Cambridge, across the river, rejected this same offer. This Council has already on two occasions rejected it, and I see no reason why at this time the members of the Council should say to the Boston Elevated, "You can pack the people of Boston into your buses like cattle, the same as you do in your tunnel trains and on your Elevated cars." I say that this is an opening wedge for pickpockets in the City of Boston, giving them a chance to operate in the buses the same as they are operating in the cars. So I say it would be a mistake on the part of this Council to give to the Elevated road the right to pack passengers into the buses in any such way.

Coun. GREEN—Mr. President, I would say just a word for the information of the councilor from Roxbury, who has made reference to putting on more buses on the different lines. I asked the question of the representative of the Elevated if he was limited under the franchise to the number of buses going over the route. He said he was; that they were limited under the franchise in the number of vehicles going over any one route.

Coun. McGRATH—Mr. President, I might say that when this order came in originally it had in it the word "habitually," no bus being allowed to have on it habitually more than 25 per cent of standees in addition to the seating capacity of the bus. As I previously voted against the ordinance, I appeared before the committee and spoke against it as it appears here. It was the word "habitually" that prevented the order going through before. So he said he was willing to remove the word "habitually" and have it read that 25 per cent of standees, and no more, should be allowed. When the order was so changed I told the members of the committee that I would vote in favor of it. I only speak now to explain my position, having fought against it three years ago, when the word "habitually" was in.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, as one who voted against the same ordinance three years ago, I simply wish to say that I feel the same way now as I did then. For instance, I don't feel that we are in a position to decide or that the Boston Elevated is in a position to decide, whether a man is an occasional or an habitual drunkard. As far as I can see, the Boston Elevated are now allowing standees in the buses in the entire Dorchester district, and I am firmly of the impression that if we grant the entering wedge and allow 25 per cent of standees above the seating capacity, the buses will be filled up to the doors. I am willing to admit that the character of the buses on the Elevated has changed since two years ago, when the order came in, and when the roof of the buses was only 2 or 3 inches above the passengers' heads. Then, too, there may be substantial number of patrons of the Elevated who would prefer to stand in buses and be moving along, instead of waiting in the rain for another bus. But, speaking for my district, I am inclined to think that the great majority of the people in the Dorchester district would prefer to ride safely even if they did have to wait a bit, rather than to submit to the crowding that would otherwise result. However, I would ask to have the matter lie on the table until I may have an opportunity to comply with my usual custom in such matters affecting the district, getting a postcard poll of the opinion of the people as to whether they wish to ride standing in buses or to stand in the rain or in pleasant weather until another bus comes along. I, for one, until I get the sentiment of the people of the district cannot vote for the ordinance.

Coun. GREEN—Then, Mr. President, I will agree that this matter may lie on the table until the next meeting of the Council, so that the gentleman from Dorchester may get the information he desires.

Coun. Wilson's motion to lay on the table was declared lost.

Coun. WILSON made a motion to lay on the table until the next meeting. The motion was carried.

IMPROVEMENTS AT CHARLESTOWN HEIGHTS.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That the sum of twelve thousand dollars be, and the same is, hereby appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Park

Commission, for improvements, etc., at Charlestown Heights, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City to said amount.

Coun. GREEN—Mr. President, I am going to ask a suspension of the rule on that order, in view of the fact that the money was appropriated under the last administration, being recommended by the committee that made the survey of parks and playgrounds. The order took its two readings and passage by the City Council, and went to the Mayor but for some reason it was never signed. The money has now been appropriated, and I am asking that this order be passed under suspension of the rule.

The order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 18, nays 0.

ONE-WAY THOROUGHFARE.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to designate Washington street, Charlestown, as a one way thoroughfare.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

WARD 21 IMPROVEMENTS

Coun. HEIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept Corey road, from Summit avenue to Commonwealth avenue, Ward 21, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept Florence avenue, from Commonwealth avenue to Allston street, Ward 21, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept Woodstock avenue, from Summit avenue to Warren street, Ward 21, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to replace the present dilapidated wooden structure located on the Chestnut avenue city yard with a modern concrete structure.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

Coun. GREEN—Mr. President, under No. 2 on the calendar (appointments to be weighers of goods, submitted by the Mayor March 3, 1930) I would like to take up the name of Hugh P. McColgan.

Coun. MURRAY—Mr. President, under No. 1 on the calendar (appointments of constables submitted by the Mayor March 3, 1930) I would like to take up the name of Archibald W. Ready.

President LYNCH—The Chair will call up Nos. 1 and 2 on the calendar, under unfinished business, and the Council can except any names they see fit. The question is on confirmation of the names appearing under Nos. 1 and 2 as printed on the calendar.

Nos. 1 and 2 as printed on the calendar, under unfinished business, are as follows:

1. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor March 3, 1930, of James P. Hayes, Edgar F. Callahan, Archibald W. Ready, Hyman Rossman, William T. J. O'Malley, William J. Galby, John Kelly, John H. Logue, and Charles E. Dowd, to be Constables.

2. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor March 3, 1930, of Hugh P. McColgan and Thomas J. Duffley, to be Weighers of Goods.

Coun. BUSH—Mr. President, I move that No. 1 on the calendar be laid on the table until such time as the special committee on constables is appointed.

Coun. Bush's motion was declared carried. The question came on confirming the appointees under No. 2 on the calendar. Committee, Coun. Hein and Englert. Whole number of ballots 17, yeas 17, and the appointments were confirmed.

Later in the session, Coun. MURRAY moved to take, from No. 1 on the calendar, the name of Archibald W. Ready, appointed constable by the Mayor March 3, 1930.

The motion was carried. The question came on confirmation. Committee, Coun. Cox and Power. Whole number of ballots 15, yeas 13, nays 2, and the appointment was confirmed.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, I would like to take the names of John Kelly and John H. Logue, appointed as constables, from No. 1. on the calendar.

Coun. Donovan's motion was carried, and the question came on confirmation of the appointments of John Kelly and John H. Logue. Committee, Coun. Norton and Donovan.

Whole number of ballots 12, yeas 12, and the appointments were confirmed.

Later in the session Coun. NORTON moved to take up, under No. 1 on the calendar, the name of William T. J. O'Malley, appointed constable March 3, 1930.

The motion was carried, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Coun. Wilson and Arnold. Whole number of ballots 12, yeas 12, and the appointment was confirmed.

CORRECTION IN MARCH 3 ORDERS.

Coun. ARNOLD—Mr. President, I want to clear up the record on page 78 of the last meeting of the Council. I then offered orders under two hearings—lighting facilities on Dartmouth street and additional lights on Tremont street, Ward 4. The "numbers 685 to 703" which appears at the end of the first order, relating to lighting facilities on Dartmouth street, should appear at the end of the second order, "additional lights on Tremont street, Ward 4."

President LYNCH—The correction will be noted.

THE NEXT MEETING.

Coun. RUBY—Mr. President, Coun. Mahoney being absent for awhile, I move that when the Council adjourns it be to meet two weeks from today.

It was voted that when the Council adjourns it be to meet on Monday, March 24, 1930, at 2 p. m.

Adjourned, on motion of Coun. McGRATH, at 4.42 p. m., to meet on Monday, March 24, 1930, at 2 p. m.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, March 24, 1930.

Regular meeting of the City Council in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President LYNCH in the chair and all the members present.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council the Mayor submitted appointments for the term ending April 30, 1930, as follows:

Constables: John T. Kelly, 78 Myrtle street, city; Arthur McNiel, 138 M street, South Boston; William H. McInerney, 19 Myrtle street, city; David G. Moran, 104 Selden street, Dorchester; John J. Mahoney, 122 Minot street, Dorchester; Daniel F. O'Connor, 100 Farquhar street, Roslindale; Alexander A. Ardolino, 106 Prince street, city; Henry A. Gagin, 95 Cowper street, East Boston; John M. Fabins, 24 Sidlaw road, Allston; David Epstein, 9 Westminster terrace, Roxbury; Dennis J. Hickey, 777 East Fourth street, South Boston; Louis Davis, 51 Devon street, Roxbury.

Weighers of Coal: Walter J. Fallon, 35 Westford street, Allston; Arthur J. Sangster, 107 Goddard street, Quincy, Mass.; Lawrence O'Connor, 250 Stuart street, Boston; Lucian R. Temple, 137 Audubon road, Boston.

Severally laid over a week under the law.

SALE OF FERRYBOAT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 24, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—The ferryboat commonly called the "General Sumner" was advertised to be sold at auction on February 26, 1930, at an upset price of \$2,500.

Apparently the upset price represented a value greater than the salvage value of the boat since no bids were received. I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying order setting a lower upset price on the boat.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be, and hereby is, authorized to sell at a duly advertised public auction, at an upset price of \$700, the ferryboat "General Sumner."

Referred to the Executive Committee.

ONE-WAY STREET, CHARLESTOWN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 24, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Thomas F. Sullivan, Acting Traffic Commissioner, to designate Washington street, Charlestown, a one-way thoroughfare. This is in reply to your order of March 10, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, March 21, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston,

Dear Sir,—I return herewith the following order passed by the City Council March 10, 1930:

Ordered, That the Boston Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to designate Washington street, Charlestown, as a one-way thoroughfare.

I beg to report that a public hearing will be given on the matter of making Washington street, Charlestown, a one-way thoroughfare at an early date.

Very respectfully,
THOMAS F. SULLIVAN,
Acting Commissioner.

Placed on file.

COST OF ENLARGING TENEAN BEACH.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 24, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, relative to the estimated cost of enlarging the present area at Tenean Beach. This is in reply to your order of March 10, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, March 15, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I have your memorandum of March 13, with inclosure, order from the City Council that the Park Commission be requested to investigate and report upon the practicability and estimated cost of enlarging the present area at Tenean Beach.

It is practicable to enlarge the present house at an estimated cost of \$25,000.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

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SEWERAGE WORKS IN WARD 20.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 24, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Joseph A. Rourke, Commissioner of Public Works, relative to sewerage works in Ward 20. This is in reply to your order of March 3, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department, March 17, 1930.

To His Honor the Mayor.

In reply to two attached orders in Council, by Councilor Cox, regarding sewerage works in Ward 20, the following is submitted:

Goethe street, from Schiller road to Dedham line, will cost \$7,500 within these limits, and for the outlet necessary in Rockland street an additional cost of \$14,000, making \$21,500 to take care of Goethe street.

Rockland street, from Washington street to the Dedham line, will cost, including outlets, \$14,000.

In reply to a third order requesting a sewer in Washington street, from Highview avenue to La Grange street: This is a section where an additional expense will be required to build an outlet on the easterly side of Washington street, from Grove street northeasterly and through the Stony brook reservation, at a cost of \$38,000.

The total cost of carrying out these three orders is \$73,500.

Only a portion of this work is included in our tentative program for this year totaling \$1,870,235, and if only \$1,000,000 is available and no increase is afforded by the Legislature this year, it looks as though all the demands for sewerage works throughout the city must be considered before this work could be included in the final program.

Yours respectfully,
JOSEPH A. ROURKE,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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CONDITIONING OF BASEBALL DIAMONDS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 24, 1930.

To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, relative to the baseball diamonds on the

Dorchester Town Field, Ashmont Playground, Mary Hemenway Playground, Neponset Playground and Dorchester Park. This is in reply to your order of March 10, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, March 15, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I have your memorandum of March 13, with inclosure, order from the City Council that the Park Commission be requested to place in proper condition for the coming season the baseball diamonds on the Dorchester Town Field, Ashmont Playground, Mary Hemenway Playground, Neponset Playground and Dorchester Park.

This department has invariably placed the ball fields in proper condition just as soon as it can possibly be done in the spring. Weather conditions determine to a great extent the date of the formal opening of said fields.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.
Placed on file.

BEACON IN WARD 2.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 24, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Thomas F. Sullivan, Acting Traffic Commissioner, in regard to installing a beacon at the junction of Warren, Park, Henley and Call streets, Ward 2. This is in reply to your order of March 10, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, March 21, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I return herewith the following order passed by the City Council March 10, 1930:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install a beacon at the junction of Warren, Park Henley and Call streets, Ward 2.

I beg to advise that this location will be given due consideration after the annual appropriations have been made.

Very respectfully,
THOMAS F. SULLIVAN,
Acting Commissioner.

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SHUTTLE LINE BETWEEN ANDREW SQUARE AND SAVIN HILL AVENUE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 24, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Edward Dana, General Manager of the Boston Elevated Railway, regarding a shuttle line running between Andrew square and Savin Hill avenue via Dorchester avenue. This is in reply to your order of March 3, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Boston Elevated Railway,
Public Trustees, March 17, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor,—In reply to your letter of March 11, with inclosure regarding the Andrew square-Savin Hill avenue line, the division has taken the matter in charge and will do everything possible to solve the difficulty. If the bus line was granted for which we have applied, to be run from Northampton and Washington streets via Massachusetts avenue, Columbia road and Dorchester avenue to Savin Hill Station of the Dorchester tunnel (which was made in order

that the city might resurface Massachusetts avenue) it would make it possible for us to still further improve this condition.

Yours very truly,
EDWARD DANA,
General Manager.

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INSTALLATION OF ELECTRIC LAMPS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 17, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Joseph A. Rourke, Commissioner of Public Works, regarding the installation of electric lamps. This is in reply to your orders of February 3, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
March 12, 1930.

To His Honor the Mayor.

I return City Council orders requesting the installation of electric lamps at the following locations:

Seaver, Harold and Hutchings streets, Ward 12.
Wellington Hill street and Blue Hill avenue, Ward 14.

Dorchester avenue and Doris street, Ward 13.
Stratton street and Blue Hill avenue, Ward 14, on the Franklin Field side.

Orders for the installation of arc lamps have been sent to the Edison Electric Illuminating Company, with requests for compliance as soon as possible.

Yours respectfully,
J. A. ROURKE,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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CHESTNUT HILL AVENUE PAVING YARD

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 17, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Joseph A. Rourke, Commissioner of Public Works, relative to the building of a modern concrete structure at the Chestnut Hill avenue city yard. This is in reply to your order of March 10, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
March 15, 1930.

To His Honor the Mayor.

In reply to the attached order, by Councilor Hein, that the present dilapidated wooden structure located at the Chestnut Hill avenue paving yard be replaced with a modern concrete structure: The condition of the Brighton paving yard is not any worse than any other similar yard in the city. At the present time we are paying approximately \$35,000 a year for the storage of automobiles, and we are more interested in having facilities to take care of these automobiles in the line of one or more new buildings than in any local yard. We appreciate that every yard of the city should have modern buildings, but we don't know where to find the money.

Yours respectfully,
J. A. ROURKE,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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PLAYGROUND NEEDS IN CHARLESTOWN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 17, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, relative to providing in the budget a sufficient sum for the playground needs in Charlestown. This is in reply to your order of March 3, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, March 10, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I have your memorandum of March 7, with inclosure, order from the City Council that the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to include in the budget for 1930 a sum sufficient to provide for playground needs in the Charlestown district.

I am very happy to inform you that the budget will care for the immediate needs, outside of construction needs, which of course will have to be loan orders.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

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SULLIVAN SQUARE PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 17, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, relative to the building of a concrete handball court at Sullivan Square Playground. This is in reply to your order of March 3, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, March 10, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I have your memorandum of March 7, with inclosure, order from the City Council, that the Park Commissioners be requested to include in the budget a sum sufficient to provide for the building of a concrete handball court at Sullivan Square Playground.

At the present time we have two wooden handball courts. The best handball players in the country insist on playing handball off wood on account of its resiliency. I regret exceedingly that the Board of Park Commissioners deem it inadvisable to erect concrete courts on any of the playgrounds.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

Placed on file.

SHOWER BATHS AT DEWEY BEACH.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 17, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, relative to the establishment of shower baths at Dewey Beach. This is in reply to your order of March 3, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, March 10, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I have your memorandum of March 7, with inclosure, order from the City Council that the Park Commission be requested to include in the budget for 1930 a sum sufficient to provide for the establishment of shower baths at Dewey Beach.

I feel that the department forces can erect two showers, one on each side of the main entrance for the use of the bathers without any additional sum in the budget.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

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PERMITS FOR DUMPS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 17, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Joseph A. Rourke, Commissioner of Public Works, relative to securing the names and addresses

of all men and corporations holding permits for dumps in that section of Ward 12 adjacent to the Old Colony Boulevard. This is in reply to your order of February 24, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
March 14, 1930.

To His Honor the Mayor.

The following information is respectfully submitted in reply to the attached order in Council, introduced by Councilor McGrath, "That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to furnish the City Council with the names and addresses of all men or corporations holding permits for dumps in that section of Ward 13 adjacent to the Old Colony Boulevard."

Robinson court and Wave avenue: N. W. Robinson, agent, 242 Savin Hill avenue.

Between 301 and 305 Savin Hill avenue, about 100 feet from avenue: N. W. Robinson, agent, 242 Savin Hill avenue.

West side Old Colony parkway, 1,200 feet from Mt. Vernon street: E. B. Badger & Sons, Company, 75 Pitts street, Boston; M. Doyle & Co., Inc., lessee.

Old Colony parkway, approximately 600 feet from Mt. Vernon street: John F. Coleman, 245 State street, Boston.

West side Old Colony avenue, 200 feet south from Mt. Vernon street: Elizabeth E. Myers, 23 Ormond street, Dorchester.

Mt. Vernon street (Mile road) Lots 1, 2, 4, 4A & "Sarah C. Townsend *et al*" on plan 5939-B, Suffolk Registry: Mary E. Day and Charles L. Stratton care of Willard Welch, 209 Washington street.

Southerly side of Mt. Vernon street, about 1,500 feet east of railroad: Mary S. Parker and Lucy P. Hayden, care of Albert F. Hayden attorney, 60 State street.

Southerly side of Mt. Vernon street, about 1,300 feet east of railroad: Margaret T. Curley, 52 Winthrop street, Roxbury.

Easterly side of Mt. Vernon street, 200 feet from Columbia road: John F. Coleman, 245 State street, Boston.

Yours very truly,
J. A. ROURKE,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

POSTING OF LIST OF BAIL COMMISSIONERS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 17, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from John P. Englert, Superintendent of Public Buildings, relative to posting a list of bail commissioners and bondsmen in the corridors of the courthouses and other public buildings in the City of Boston. This is in reply to your order of March 3, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Buildings Department,
March 8, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—Replying to the inclosed order of the City Council that the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested through his Honor the Mayor to advise the City Council if there is any objection to posting a list of bail commissioners and professional bondsmen in the corridors of the courthouses and other public buildings in the City of Boston, I respectfully state that according to section 89 of the Revised Ordinances of 1925 "no person shall without the consent of the Mayor, affix in any manner a notice, advertisement or bill upon any building belonging to the City of Boston." According to this ordinance I cannot see where I have any choice in the matter.

I might add for your information that the names of professional bondsmen and bail commis-

sioners are on file in the office of every clerk of the court and also in the several police stations of the city.

Respectfully yours,
JOHN P. ENGLERT,
Superintendent of Public Buildings.
Placed on file.

LOAN FOR HIGHWAYS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 15, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—On or about January 15 a bill was submitted to the Legislature seeking authorization to expend the sum of \$10,000,000 for the permanent paving of highways in Boston. To the present time definite action, other than the holding of a hearing, has not been taken by the Legislative Committee in charge of this measure and while I am extremely hopeful of early and favorable action I, nevertheless, recognize the necessity for taking advantage of the opportunity for highway construction work at the present time.

The sum of \$500,000, as set forth in the accompanying order, should be sufficient to cover the preliminary charges in connection with the major highway construction programme and complete some of the pending and absolutely necessary work. Accordingly I recommend the adoption of this order.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the sum of \$500,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated for Highways, Making of, under the provisions of chapter 393 of the Acts of 1906, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue from time to time, upon request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

The order was declared referred to the Committee on Finance.

Coun. DOWD—Mr. President, if there is no objection, I would move that the rule be suspended and that the order be given its first reading today.

The rule was suspended and the order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 18, nays 0.

FANEUIL HALL MARKET LEASES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 24, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I beg to submit herewith report with recommendation of the commission appointed to investigate and determine the terms of market leases for Faneuil Hall Market.

The report as received favors a system of rentals at the same rate as has been in effect since 1919, and I respectfully submit the same with the accompanying order for such action as in the opinion of your honorable body may be deemed best for the city.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

John Beck,
Real Estate Broker and Appraiser,
110 State Street,
Boston, March 17, 1930.

James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir—Your communication of March 13, 1930, relative to the status of the committee appointed to determine the terms of the market leases was received.

I have had several conferences with Mr. Loveland, who represents the market tenants, and Mr. Bradley, who is acting for the Boston Finance Commission.

We realize that the location generally referred to as "The Market District" has declined sharply in value during the last few years, many of the buildings being without tenants or partly occupied.

The markets that belong to the city, however, have no vacancies, and we have been unable to agree as yet that the rentals that have been in effect since 1919 should be reduced.

I attach hereto a schedule of tenants showing the rentals in detail.

Respectfully yours,
JOHN BECK.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Markets be authorized, with the approval of the Mayor, to renew for a period of ten years from October 1, 1929, the leases of stalls, cellars and space in the Faneuil Hall and Quincy Market Buildings and subsidewalk space adjacent thereto, to those lessees who shall notify the superintendent in writing that they desire to retain their respective holdings, and otherwise shall give leases to such suitable persons as shall be approved by the Mayor; such renewals and new leases to be for the same annual rental as was fixed therefor during the last five years of the term expiring October 1, 1929, and on the same terms and conditions as provided in the prior leases.

Coun. DOWD—Mr. President, I move you, sir, that that be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Coun. Dowd's motion was declared carried. Coun. Ruby doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote. The Council stood divided, and the motion to refer to the Committee on Public Lands was lost.

The order was referred to the Executive Committee.

WARREN-BUNKER HILL SCHOOL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 24, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—In response to an order adopted by your honorable body on February 24, 1930, I beg to submit reply received from the School Committee of the City of Boston in answer thereto.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

School Committee of the City of Boston,
15 Beacon Street,
Office of the Secretary, March 19, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—At the meeting of March 3, 1930, the School Committee received and referred to the Board of Superintendents for report the following order passed by the City Council at its meeting of February 24, 1930.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to consider the advisability of discontinuing the Warren-Bunker Hill School following the completion of the new Junior High School in Charlestown.

At the meeting of the School Committee held on Monday of this week, March 17, 1930, the Board of Superintendents recommended that the School Committee advise the City Council, through his Honor the Mayor, that the term "Warren-Bunker Hill" refers to a combination of two school districts—the Warren District and the Bunker Hill District—now being operated as one school district. The construction of the proposed intermediate school in Charlestown will relieve this district and the other two districts in Charlestown and enable the School Committee to discontinue the use of several buildings in the three districts; but neither the Warren building nor the Bunker Hill building could well be spared for they will be needed for kindergartens and Grades I to VI. At the present time there is no information at hand which would seem to warrant the discontinuance in the near future of either the Warren or the Bunker Hill School buildings.

This report of the Board of Superintendents was accepted and ordered transmitted to the City Council through his Honor the Mayor, in accordance with the terms of the order.

Very truly yours,
ELLEN M. CRONIN, Secretary.

Placed on file.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz:

Claims.

Vasil Adams, for compensation for damage to property by city cart.

Giovanni Arrigo and Giuseppe Sardina, for compensation for injuries received on ferryboat.

Frances Baccucci, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 235 Highland street.

Mrs. Roy Bare, for refund on unused refuse tickets.

George N. Varrie, for compensation for damage to car by city car.

Phineas D. Beers, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at 70 Childs street, Hyde Park.

Joseph Blake and William H. Kiley, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Pasquale Blasi, for compensation for damage to property by balls thrown from Mary Hemenway Playground.

Mrs. C. F. Buckes, for compensation for fur coat ruined at Beaumont street School.

Mrs. Luella K. Burnell, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Summer street.

James R. Butler, for injuries caused by an alleged defect in a highway.

Carbone, Inc., for compensation for damage to property at 348 Congress street, caused by fire apparatus.

Tony Coli, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 440 Hanover street.

George R. Conroy, for compensation for damage to coat caused by an alleged defect at Washington and Summer streets.

Margaret Courlang, for compensation for damage to property at 30 Allen street, caused by explosion in manhole.

Thomas J. Dolan, for compensation for damage to taxi by city truck.

Nathan Fingeman, for refund on unused refuse tickets.

Clara L. Fisher, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Wait street.

Harris Goldman, for compensation for damage to property at 362 Harrison avenue, caused by negligence of city.

Mrs. M. Granafsky, for compensation for loss of baby carriage taken by ashmen.

Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, for compensation for damage to property at 748 Huntington avenue, caused by break in water main.

Nicholas M. Halley, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 158A street, South Boston.

Mrs. Margaret Jackson, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 11-15 Harrison avenue extension.

Mary Janeves, for compensation for injuries caused by defect in Cabot street Bath House.

Coleman Joyce, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 229 Gold street, South Boston.

Mrs. Blanche Kennedy, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Bennington and Prescott streets.

Max E. Knopp, for refund on unused refuse tickets.

Nicholas LaFanci, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 382 Harrison avenue.

Isadore Lipka, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

James H. Mooney, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Devonshire and Water streets.

Arthur F. Norcross, for refund on refuse tickets.

John J. Pierce, for compensation for loss of clothing at Brighton paving yard.

L. H. Poladian, for refund on building permit.

Rogers Market, for refund on refuse tickets.

Samuel Slatrow, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 240 Warren street.

Ada Treheway, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 1098 Boylston street, Boston.

William W. Walter, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Oliver and Milk streets.

Irene Wasserman, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Eldon street.

Burtman Ornamental Iron and Wire Works, for payment for screen furnished to Fire Department.

Executive.

Petitions for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement, viz.:
Maria Paporello, Jordan Hall, May 7.

CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The City Treasurer submitted constables' bonds, having duly approved of surety on same, viz.: Julius Ansel, Patrick H. Murphy, Archibald W. Ready.

Approved by the Council.

STREET RAILWAY POLICE OFFICERS.

Notice was received from the Public Trustees of the Boston Elevated Railway that services as street railway police officers of fourteen men in attached list, dated March 14, 1930, were no longer required.

Placed on file.

NOTICE OF INTEREST IN CONTRACT.

Notice was received from Thomas P. Burns, school teacher, of interest in material known as "American Art Stone."

Placed on file.

NEW JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL IN CHARLESTOWN.

The following was received:

School Committee of the City of Boston,
March 14, 1930.

Mr. W. J. Doyle,
City Clerk.

My dear Mr. Doyle,—There has been referred to the School Committee the order of the City Council of February 17, making inquiry as to when the building now standing on land purchased by the city as a site for the new junior high school in Charlestown will be removed, and work started on the erection of the school building.

In response thereto, permit me to report that the School Committee has on its docket a proposition for an appropriation for preparation of plans for the new intermediate school, but final action has been deferred until the committee learns definitely what action may be taken by the General Court, with reference to its petition for land and buildings appropriations.

Just as soon as action is taken along the lines indicated in your inquiry, I shall be greatly pleased to communicate with you again.

Very truly yours,

J. E. BURKE,

Superintendent of Public Schools.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR.

The appointment by the Mayor of James A. McElaney of 83 Groaton road, West Roxbury, to position of member of Board of Appeal, was received and placed on file.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS PAY ROLL.

The pay roll of Registry of Deeds for work amounting to \$8,450.64, from February 17 to March 13, piece work, and March 16 to March 31 for regular employees, was received and approved.

MINORS' LICENSES.

President LYNCH submitted applications for minors' licenses from thirty newsboys, nine vendors and one bootblack.

Licenses granted under usual conditions.

LOAN ORDERS PASSED.

President LYNCH called up, under unfinished business, Nos. 2 to 13 inclusive, viz.:

2. Ordered, That the sum of \$350,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Fire Commissioner, for new fireboat, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

On March 10, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 20, nays 0.

3. Ordered, That the sum of \$250,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commissioners, for Airport Improvements, and that to meet said appropriations the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon request if the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

On March 3, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 20, nays 0.

4. Ordered, That the sum of five thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commission, for filling, grading, etc., of the Randolph Street Playground, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

On March 3, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 22.

5. Ordered, That the sum of fifty thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commission, for the construction of a locker building and shower baths on the Chestnut Hill Playground, Ward 21, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City to said amount.

On March 3, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 22.

6. Ordered, That the sum of twenty thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commission, for the grading and placing in proper condition of the Smith Playground, Allston, and the building of concrete bleachers thereon, and that to meet such expense the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

On March 3, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 22.

7. Ordered, That the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commission, for the erection of concrete bleachers at the Chestnut Hill Playground, and that to meet such expense the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

On March 3, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 22.

8. Ordered, That the sum of ten thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commission for the erection of concrete bleachers, and the resurfacing and reseeding of Ronan Park, Ward 15, and that to meet such expense the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, at the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

On March 3, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 22.

9. Ordered, That the sum of forty thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commissioner, for the erection of bleachers, rearranging baseball diamonds, etc., on the Healy Playground, Ward 19, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

On March 10, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 19, nays 0.

10. Ordered, That the sum of twelve thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commission, for improvements, etc., at Charlestown Heights, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

On March 10, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 18, nays 0.

11. Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized and empowered, in the name and behalf of the City of Boston, to release to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts by deed approved by the Attorney-General all right,

title and interest of said city in and to certain lands and flats at South Boston, being a part of an area now known as Marine Park, lying easterly of Farragut road and between said road and flats of the Commonwealth, acquired by the said city for the purposes of a public park under the provisions of chapter 185, Acts of 1875, and otherwise, bounded and described as follows:

That land lying southerly of Reserved channel, and bounded westerly by the extension northerly of the easterly boundary line of Farragut road to the United States pierhead and bulkhead line on the southerly side of Reserved channel; southerly by the following described lines: Line B-C, which is an extension easterly of the southerly boundary line of East First street, one hundred feet; line C-D, running north sixty-seven degrees, fourteen minutes, eighteen and eight-tenths seconds east, seven hundred fifty-two and eight hundredths feet; line D-E, running north eighty-eight degrees, forty-one minutes, ten and seven-tenths seconds east, one thousand six hundred forty-three and sixty-seven hundredths feet; line E-F, running north forty degrees, twenty-seven minutes, ten and eight-tenths seconds east, to its intersection with the United States pierhead and bulkhead line on the southwesterly side of the Main Ship channel; bounded northeasterly by said United States pierhead and bulkhead line; bounded northerly by the United States pierhead and bulkhead line on the southerly side of Reserved channel; all as shown on a plan marked "Exchange of Land at Marine Park, South Boston, Between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and City of Boston. Department of Public Works of Massachusetts, Scale 1 to 5,000, John N. Ferguson, District Waterways Engineer Acc. 4050," filed in the office of the Massachusetts Department of Public Works, 413 State House.

And as consideration for said conveyance by said City of Boston of the above-described land, the Commonwealth is to convey to the City of Boston the following described land which is at least equal in area to the land above described, and the land to be conveyed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is bounded and described as follows:

All the land and flats between Marine Park and Castle Island which lie southerly and easterly of the above-described lines, B-C, C-D, D-E, E-F and extending into Pleasure Bay to a line drawn between points marked B and HH on the United States pierhead and bulkhead line, all as shown on said plan.

And in addition the Commonwealth is to convey to the City of Boston the following described parcels of land:

Three certain parcels of land situated in that part of said Boston called South Boston, bounded and described as follows:

Parcel No. 1: Private way fifty (50) feet wide known as Fargo street, northwesterly by the southeasterly side line of D street, fifty (50) feet; northeasterly by land now or formerly of Fargo Real Estate Trust, seven hundred forty-eight and sixty-six one-hundredths (748.66) feet; southeasterly by the private way known as "E" street, fifty (50) feet; southwesterly by land of the Commonwealth, land now or formerly of the Fargo Real Estate Trust and land now or formerly of Joseph Burnett Company, seven hundred forty-eight and sixty-six one-hundredths (748.66) feet.

Parcel No. 2: Private way sixty (60) feet wide known as Fargo street, northwesterly by the southeasterly side line of the private way known as "E" street, eighty (80) feet, more or less; northerly by land now or formerly of Fred B. Rice four hundred five and ninety-two one-hundredths (405.92) feet, more or less; northeasterly by the southwesterly side line of Summer street ninety (90) feet, more or less; southerly by land of the Commonwealth five hundred twenty-six and forty-six one-hundredths (526.46) feet, more or less.

Parcel No. 3: Private way sixty (60) feet wide known as "E" street, northeasterly by E street as laid from Fargo street to Summer street, December 16, 1901, sixty (60) feet; southeasterly by the private way known as Fargo street and land of the Commonwealth eight hundred eighty (880) feet, more or less; southwesterly by E street as laid out to the low-water mark November 17, 1868, and land of the Commonwealth sixty (60) feet; northwesterly by land of the Commonwealth and the private way known as Fargo street, eight hundred eighty (880) feet, more or less.

Reserving to the said Commonwealth and its assigns the right at any time to lay and operate or to authorize the laying and operating of railroad tracks at grade across the said Fargo and E streets, as provided in chapter three hundred and seventy-seven, Acts of the Legislature of said Commonwealth for the year 1902 and the said Commonwealth for said consideration grants the said city the right to place or slope and maintain all filling required for the grading of said Fargo street and E street upon several premises owned by said Commonwealth, adjoining the above-described parcels of land. The said parcels of land are to be used for the purposes of public streets and the grade of said streets shall be established substantially as follows: Fargo street, between D street and E street as shown on a plan and profile marked "City of Boston, Fargo Street, South Boston, March 1, 1921, F. O. Whitney, Chief Engineer, Street Laying-Out Department"; Fargo street, between E street and Summer street substantially as now laid out and constructed; E street as shown on plan and profile marked "City of Boston, E Street, South Boston, October 6, 1903, William Jackson, City Engineer."

On March 3, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas twenty-two.

12. Whereas, By an instrument of taking dated September 19, 1919, recorded with Suffolk Registry District of the Land Court as Document No. 32447 and filed with Certificate of Title numbered 7787, the City of Boston laid out Faneuil street, as described in said instrument; and

Whereas, W. Stanley Tripp of Boston conveyed to the said City of Boston a strip of land included in said taking by deed recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 4271, page 311, being a portion of the premises described in said deed; and

Whereas, The said taking has not been completed by an entry upon the said land taken for the purpose of construction; and

Whereas, The Florence Crittenton League of Compassion, a Massachusetts corporation, is the owner of adjacent premises and is desirous of having access to said Faneuil street over the said strip of land conveyed as aforesaid to the said City of Boston by the said W. Stanley Tripp;

It is hereby Ordered, That upon the conveyance to the City of Boston by a confirmatory deed satisfactory in form to the Law Department of the City of Boston, of that portion of the premises above mentioned which were owned by W. Stanley Tripp of Boston at the date and delivery of said deed to the said City of Boston, his Honor the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized in the name and behalf of the City of Boston to grant all its right, title and interest in and to the premises conveyed to it as aforesaid by the said W. Stanley Tripp to the said Florence Crittenton League of Compassion.

The premises to be conveyed as aforesaid to the said Florence Crittenton League of Compassion are bounded and described as follows:

Easterly by land supposed to belong now or formerly to White, twenty-four and 13-100 feet; southeasterly by the northwesterly line of Faneuil street, four hundred sixty-five and 42-100 feet; westerly by land supposed to be now or formerly of Brogie, thirteen and 71-100 feet; and northwesterly by land now or formerly of the Florence Crittenton League of Compassion, four hundred sixty-four and 78-100 feet, and being lot F on a subdivision plan numbered 134-J, drawn by C. B. Humphrey, surveyor for the Land Court, dated July 25, 1919, and filed with Certificate of Title No. 10911 in the Registry District of the Land Court for Suffolk County, and being a portion of the premises described in Certificate 7787, Book 34, page 187, in said Registry District.

And it is hereby further Ordered, That as a condition precedent to said conveyance by the City of Boston to the said Florence Crittenton League of Compassion the said League shall deliver to the said City of Boston an instrument in writing satisfactory in form to the Law Department of the said City of Boston wherein the said League agrees for itself, and its successors and assigns to waive all claims for damages, and to hold the said City of Boston harmless from all claims for damages caused by or in any way growing out of any laying out or widening of said Faneuil street as a public street of the City of Boston, over any portion of the premises to be conveyed to said League by this order when and if the said City of Boston shall widen and lay out said Faneuil street as a public highway of said City of Boston, and wherein the said League agrees that said agreement shall be

made a part of any conveyance to the said League under the authority of this order, and wherein the said League agrees that the said agreement shall be a covenant that will run with the land.

On March 3, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 22.

13. Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized in the name and behalf of the City of Boston to execute an instrument of release in form satisfactory to the Law Department of the easement taken in private land, Vermont street and Roberts avenue, situate in that part of Boston called West Roxbury. The easement herein referred to was taken for sewerage purposes by an order of the Board of Street Commissioners of the City of Boston approved by the Mayor July 30, 1913, and is shown on a plan marked "City of Boston, Plan No. 293, Sewerage Works, Vermont Street and Roberts Avenue, West Roxbury, July 15, 1913, F. O. Whitney, Chief Engineer, Street Laying-Out Department." Said plan is recorded with Suffolk Registry of Deeds, Book 3750, page 631.

On March 3, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 22.

The orders were given their second and final reading and passage, yeas 22.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

On motion of Coun. BUSH the Council took up, under unfinished business, No. 1 on the calendar, viz.:

1. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor March 3, 1930, of James P. Hayes, Edgar F. Callahan, Hyman Rossman, William J. Galby, and Charles E. Dowd, to be Constables.

The question came on confirmation. Committee, Coun. Hein and Fitzgerald; whole number of ballots, 20, yeas 20, and the appointments were confirmed.

ANNUITY TO WIDOW OF MICHAEL FALLON.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That an annuity of six hundred dollars be allowed and paid to the widow of Michael Fallon, late member of the Boston Fire Department, who died from injuries received in the performance of his duty, such annuity to continue so long as said widow remains unmarried, and to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department, Pensions and Annuities.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

SIDEWALK ON MATHER STREET.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along 47 Mather street, Ward 17, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RESURFACING OF WELLESLEY PARK.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner through his Honor the Mayor, be, and he hereby is, respectfully requested to resurface Wellesley Park, Ward 17, Dorchester, from Melville avenue to Park street.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SUPERVISED PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER PARK.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commissioner through his Honor the Mayor be, and he hereby is, respectfully requested to arrange that at least a section of Dorchester Park may be made as supervised playground.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

NEW PLAYGROUND IN WARD 17.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, that the Park Commissioner through his Honor the Mayor be, and he hereby is, respectfully requested to name the proposed new playground in the Dunbar avenue section of Ward 17 in honor of the late Corporal Thomas F. Roberts of Dorchester.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I would like to say in regard to that order that it is the desire of Thomas J. Roberts Post No. 216 of the American Legion, in Dorchester, that the new Ward 17 playground be named in honor of Thomas J. Roberts. Thomas J. Roberts was born and always lived in Dorchester. He enlisted in Company C of the old "Fighting Ninth" Regiment in April, 1917. This regiment soon after became part of the 101st Infantry of the Twenty-Sixth Division. He was the first man in his company to give his life for his country, and it is likewise felt that he was the first Dorchester boy to fall on the field of action in France during the World War. He is survived by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Henry G. Roberts, now living at 105 Capen street, Dorchester, and by a sister, Kathryn. The date of Corporal Roberts' death was April 7, 1918. He was commended for conspicuous gallantry while on the field of duty in the La Raine sector, in France. For these reasons I think it is most fitting that this playground should be named for him.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

CONSTABLES.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be, and he hereby is, respectfully requested to furnish the City Council with the annual list of constables substantially prior to May 1, 1930.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

Ordered, That a special committee on constables be appointed to consider the advisability of a reduction in the large number of constables annually appointed for the service of civil process in Boston, and especially to consider the qualifications of applicants for reappointment as constables for the City of Boston on and after May 1, 1930.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, in reference to those two orders, I would say that they are largely instigated as a result of the recent hearing at the State House on a bill introduced by a Dorchester Representative with regard to the issuance of writs by constables, at which time there was much testimony in reference to the general character of many men now serving as constables of the City of Boston, testimony to the effect that many of them are absolutely unfit for their duty; that a large number of them were in fact doing the work of collection agencies and various credit houses, and so on. The point was very properly raised by the legislative committee hearing these particular bills that one of the things that might well receive attention was the character of those authorized by the City Council and by the City of Boston to act as constables. So I think it might be well, having the list of constables before us, to carefully go over it and analyze each one that comes in. The question of the qualifications of these appointees is brought to our attention from time to time in our various wards, and it may be that by proper supervision we could lop off 25 to 50 per cent of those now occupying these offices in the City of Boston.

The order was referred to the Committee on Rules.

POLES ON RESIDENTIAL STREETS.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Council investigate the continued practice of erecting telephone and electric light poles on residential streets in the City of Boston as well as the possibility of taking such steps or drafting such ordinances as will prevent or at least discourage further disfigurement of our residential streets.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, in reference to that particular order, and having in mind our recent request to the Board of Street Commissioners that we be notified of these various petitions that have been slipped through by the

telephone and electric light companies, with resulting disfigurement of streets in the City of Boston, I would merely raise the point that practically every member of the Council is interested in this matter, on behalf of his constituents. We all know how new streets are put through, and then we continually see poles put up which disfigure those streets. I have recently seen such cases out in my own district. I know of cases, and I think other members have in mind such cases in their own wards, where the companies, where they are unable to put in poles, will make a payment, say of \$100 or \$200 to a property owner, who will allow the company to put up a pole in his rear yard. So it seems to me it might be well to ascertain if there would not be some means of charging the companies a proper amount for putting the poles in back, something that might make it worthwhile, not having them go on and make these deals with private property owners, to the injury of abutting owners, with the city receiving nothing in return. It might be well to see if some arrangements cannot be made with the Telephone Company and the Edison Light Company by which such poles may be put in back where they belong, not disfiguring our streets. I suggest that the rule be suspended and the order passed, and that the City Messenger request a representative of the Street Commissioners to attend our executive meeting, so that we may ascertain just what the situation is.

The order was referred to the Executive Committee.

PROHIBITION OF DOWN-TOWN PARKING.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council be recorded with the Boston Traffic Commission as apposed to the recent suggestion by garage interests, two favored taxi cab companies, trucking concerns and Park Square real estate operators to create a closed area on dead parking of automobiles in the entire down-town business district and Beacon Hill.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, with reference to this particular order, I might say that last week one of the most destructive proposals for alleged traffic relief presented to date was made by a few elements in the community seeking to put a few additional dollars in their own pockets at the expense of the wholesale and retail business men of Boston and the general public. As the representative of retail business establishments in Boston well pointed out, "the only justification for any regulation of parking is to be found in anticipated benefits to business." Who are the proponents of the present drastic proposals to clear every Boston down-town street, except for the exclusive private parking stands now monopolized by the two taxi cab concerns who block any approach, even by a transient vehicle attempting to leave or take on passengers at every hotel, club and railway terminal in the city? Who are the proponents? First, the down-town garages, one of which for example does more to block Custom House street all day long than any other factor, and all of which have one sole object in view. And it isn't the relief of traffic congestion. Second, two favored taxicab companies, comprising about 20 per cent of the licensed cabs in the city, have obtained a monopoly on every desirable private stand in down-town Boston but apparently are unable to hog all the business even with stacked cards and so would like to drive the other 80 per cent of the taxicab drivers out of down-town Boston entirely. The granting of private stands for a half dozen cabs, for example, on a narrow, congested, one way, no parking, intersecting street such as School street, is an outstanding example of the real attitude of these favored taxicab concerns with reference to an unobstructed and free flow of traffic into the down-town business district. The removal of such a stand would do more to ease the general traffic flow than complete denial of reasonable parking rights for the general public on any twenty adjacent streets. Third, numerous trucking concerns favor the excluding of your car and mine from the streets in order to make room for more of the five and ten-ton trucks that now stand for hours jutting out into the street with tail boards to the curb and a plank blocking pedestrians even from the sidewalk. Fourthly, they have lined up one of the few interests in Boston which, unless they have money sunk in a few large garage projects, appar-

ently have no real interest in the matter either way, namely, a few brokerage and investment houses, whose customers probably most of them telephone in their orders. Finally, the real power behind this drastic proposal, I say, are the business houses and real estate speculators of the Park square district who see an opportunity to force business away from the down-town stores and out beyond Arlington street where, for some reason parking is not to be thus restricted. They want the suggestion put into effect for at least ninety days. In other words, make it effective while thousands of people are in our city during the next few months incident to the Tercentennial Celebration or on one of the many conventions which are to be held here. The stranger on a visit back to the old home town who wishes to stop his car long enough to make a purchase may either shop out beyond Arlington street, or else park his car out in Jamaica Plain somewhere, and telephone for a Checker taxi to bring him in. So I say that this body should record itself as against a proposal made solely for the benefit of one or two chosen classes in the community and solely from a selfish viewpoint. We are here to represent the real business interests of the community at large and the general public of the City of Boston.

Coun. FITZGERALD—Mr. President, I don't think the Council ought to go on record in a matter of this kind without having some information in regard to it. I don't know whether the councilor was present at the hearing before the Traffic Commissioner or not, but I appeared before the Traffic Commissioner the other day to oppose the parking of automobiles in certain streets in the district I have the honor to represent. I also have the privilege of representing this part of Boston that covers the entire business section. If any man in this body can take the stand that we should allow on a 15-foot street the parking of automobiles all day long, I certainly cannot understand his position in favoring such a proposal. I believe before the Council go on record in this matter they ought to wait and have a little more investigation, get a little more information. We have a situation here in Boston that is deplorable. The people living in the Beacon Hill section, people who occupy their own homes, are unable to get into their homes. The cars come in and park at 8 o'clock in the morning and remain, most of them, until 5 o'clock at night. There is a band of lawyers in this city who will not park their cars in public garages, but their cars can be found any day parked on the hill, and they can be found parked all through the district that I have the honor to represent. I know that the gentleman, as well as the rest of us, must have received serious complaints in regard to this matter. Even on the street where I live myself it is absolutely impossible for those living there to park their own cars, unless they get them there at 6 or 7 o'clock in the morning, going to the garage and bringing them there, and leaving them there until they want to use them. That is the situation that you will find on Allen street, McLean street, Chambers street, Green street, Lynde street, Staniford street, Temple street, Hancock and Derne streets. A number of these streets are absolutely cluttered up with automobiles all day long. I don't want to vote for this proposition until I have more information in regard to it. I simply wish to have my position understood. So far as having the parking such as is now going on in the downtown section and on the hill, I am absolutely opposed to it. Something has got to be done sooner or later. It is not simply a matter of Checker or Town taxis or Independent taxis. It has got to the point when people living in their own homes and paying large rentals are blocked out from their homes. I have made a study of this matter, with other people to assist me, and we have looked up a number of cars. Most of these cars come from outside the confines of Boston, and those driving them in do not leave one cent here. But they leave their cars on the streets all day long and then go out in them at night. There is also, it seems, collusion with certain officials in regard to this car situation. That was brought out at the hearing and is a matter of public record. So I feel that this matter should be laid over and that the official proceedings at the hearing should be brought down here, so that members of the Council may look over the proceedings before voting on the question. I think before arriving at an intelligent solution of the matter we should have an opportunity to read the records of the hearing. I have no quarrel with the gentleman from Dorchester, so far as the situation on State street or in the

neighborhood of the Custom House or other streets down there is concerned. But I don't want to go on record on a matter which vitally interests the people of the section I represent, who are bitterly opposed to this promiscuous parking in town. We widen and extend Cambridge street and other streets, expending millions of dollars, and then advantage is taken of that improvement merely for parking purposes. There are these men who have built garages, at large expense and for the purpose of accommodating cars, and they should be patronized. I am not, however, defending them. I am speaking of this general situation. Take the Suffolk Law School. Just see the cars that are parked in the neighborhood of that school. There are enough cars there to fill a garage. Cars are parked there for hours, cars are parked over that section by lawyers who will charge you a \$50 or \$75 fee if you wished to consult them about anything, and who yet are unwilling to pay 25 or 50 cents for parking their cars. As I say, that is the situation on Allen, McLean, Chambers, Green, Lynde, Staniford, Temple, Hancock and Derne streets, and all down through that section, to the great annoyance and objection of people who live in the section, and who do not have a chance to get access to or egress from the houses where they live, so far as the use of automobiles is concerned. You go to these lawyers for legal advice or services, and they will very soon let you know where they come in, in the matter of their fees, but they do not seem to be able to be willing to spend a little to put their cars into garages and off the streets. They are supposed to assist in upholding the laws and they are constant violators themselves. I saw recently a car parked on Somerset street at 12 o'clock in the day, not along the curb, but directly across, so that a truck couldn't go up or down the hill, and it was still there at 4 o'clock. It had undoubtedly been parked there all day. I noticed it at 12 o'clock and again at 4 o'clock. Finally a tag was put on it. But they also tell you that there are different ways of putting on tags, when you are dealing with your friends or otherwise, so that sometimes they don't mean anything when you are dealing with a favored man. So I think this matter should be referred to our Executive Committee and that it might be well for us to get the records of the hearing before the Traffic Commissioner and to learn something about what was said. There were some serious charges made in regard to police and others in connection with this parking problem, Mr. President. So I think it would be well for the Council to look the proceedings over before we vote for or against the proposed order. I am certainly opposed to such parking as now goes on in front of people's home all day long.

The order was referred to the Executive Committee.

PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF NORMANDY STREET.

Coun. RUBY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept as a public highway Normandy street, Ward 14.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF OAK TERRACE.

Coun. RUBY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept Oak terrace, Ward 14, as a public highway.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PROPOSED WARD 12 IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. BUSH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Ruthven street, Ward 12.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Schuyler street, Ward 12.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Waban street, Ward 12.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF HOMES AVENUE.

Coun. KELLY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Homes avenue, from Juliette to Adams streets, Ward 15, as a public highway, in preparation for Dorchester Day of this year, as this avenue is an entrance to Ronan Park and is practically impassable at the present time.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

WARD 22, TRAFFIC SIGNALS.

Coun. GALLAGHER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an automatic traffic signal at Western avenue and North Harvard street, Ward 22.

Ordered, That the Boston Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an automatic traffic signal at Soldiers' Field road and North Harvard street, near Larz Anderson Bridge, Ward 22.

Ordered, That the Boston Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an automatic traffic signal at Soldiers' Field road and Cambridge street, Ward 22.

Ordered, That the Boston Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an automatic traffic signal at Soldiers' Field road and Western avenue, near the Western Avenue Bridge, Ward 22.

Ordered, That the Boston Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an automatic traffic signal at Market street and Western avenue, Ward 22.

Ordered, That the Boston Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an automatic traffic signal at Market street and Washington street, Ward 22.

Ordered, That the Boston Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an automatic traffic signal at Market street and North Beacon street, Ward 22.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF WASHINGTON PLACE, WARD 9.

Coun. GLEASON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept Washington place, Ward 9, as a public highway.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

WARD 20 IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. COX offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Tarleton road, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out the unaccepted part of Stratford street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Thurlow street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Varick road, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Willow street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Walnut street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Westbourne street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Westover extension, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out West Saville street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Worley street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Welton road, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Welland road, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Whittemore street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Wren street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Wolfe street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Wright street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Yorktown street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Glendale road, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Gilmore terrace, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Oakmere street, Ward 20, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Park street, Ward 20, from Martin street to Robin street, as a public highway.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

ROPING OFF STREETS.

Coun. DOWD offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Messenger be, and he hereby is, authorized to rope off Union Park street and Harrison avenue in the vicinity of Union Park street, between 2.30 and 4.30 p. m. on Saturday, April 12, for the cross-country run of the Cathedral Athletic Association, the expense incident thereto to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Flags, Ropes and Stakes.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

NEW FIRE STATION.

Coun. MAHONEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide for the construction of a new fire station in the City Point section to house Ladder 19 and Engine 2.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

The Council voted, at 3.15 p. m., on motion of Coun. FITZGERALD, to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled in the Council chamber and were called to order by President LYNCH at 4.45 p. m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. MAHONEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted reports as follows, viz.:

1. Report on resolve (referred today) that City Council be recorded with Traffic Commission as opposed to closed area on dead parking of automobiles in entire downtown business district and Beacon Hill—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said resolve passed.

2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) that Commissioner of Public Works be authorized to sell at duly advertised public auction at an upset price of \$700 the ferryboat "General Sumner"—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

3. Report on order (referred today) that City Council investigate practice of erecting poles on residential streets as well as possibility of taking such steps as will discourage further disfigurement of residential streets—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

4. Report on petition (referred today) for children under 15 years of age to appear at places of public amusement, viz.:

Maria Paporello, Jordan Hall, May 7—that leave be granted.

Leave granted under usual conditions.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Coun. DONOVAN, for the Committee on Rules, submitted report as follows:

1. Report on order (referred March 10) that a special committee of five members be appointed by the President to investigate candidates for reappointment as constables that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

President LYNCH appointed as said committee Coun. Wilson, Fitzgerald, Mahoney, Norton, Donovan.

PROPOSED WARD 19 IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. Murray offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Goldsmith street, from Custer street to the City of Boston passageway, Ward 19, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Goldsmith street, Ward 19.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor to resurface Lochstead avenue, Ward 19.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Ballard street, Ward 19.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION.

Coun. COX offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Fairview street, from South street to Arnold Arboretum, both sides, Ward 20, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Corey street, from Park street to Newton boundary line, both sides, Ward 20, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Coun. NORTON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along West street, odd number side, Hyde Park avenue to top of Grew Hill (east side), Ward 18, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Washington street, both sides, Neponset avenue to beyond Van Brunt street, Ward 18, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Coun. KELLY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Rill street, from Nos. 9 to 31 and Nos. 10 to 36, Ward 15, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Coun. MURRAY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Goldsmith street, both sides, Ward 19, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Lochstead avenue, both sides, Ward 19, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Ballard street, both sides, Ward 19, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

APPROPRIATION, CENTRE AND ST. ANN STREETS.

Coun. MURRAY offered the following:

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 248 of the Acts of 1929 the sum of \$1,100,000 be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Board of Street Commissioners, for Centre street, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount, the same to be issued outside the limit of indebtedness.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 248 of the Acts of 1929 the sum of \$500,000 be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Board of Street Commissioners, for St. Ann street, and that to meet said appropriations the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount, the same to be issued outside the limit of indebtedness.

Coun. MURRAY—Mr. President, might I say in regard to these two orders that the act was accepted by the Council last year and that the tax levy on both streets was fixed. We now have a lot of unemployment, and here is an opportunity to start work on these two streets and keep men employed. If the Mayor so desires, he can start work on Centre street first and on St. Ann street second. We consider in our district work on these two streets to be a necessity, and we feel that it is very important to relieve the unemployment situation in this city. I hope the Finance Committee will meet this week and report back favorably, then putting the matter up to the Mayor and seeing what he intends to do.

The orders were severally referred to the Committee on Finance.

PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF FRAWLEY STREET, WARD 10.

Coun. POWER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Frawley street, Ward 10, as a public highway.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ANNUITY TO WIDOW OF PHILIP LEAHY.

Coun COX offered the following:

Ordered, That an annuity of six hundred dollars be allowed and paid to the widow of Philip Leahy, late member of the Boston Fire Department, who died from injuries received in the performance of his duty, such annuity to continue so long as

said widow remains unmarried, and to be charged to the appropriation for the Fire Department, Pensions and Annuities.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

POLICE LISTING CARDS.

Coun. NORTON offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to confer with the Listing Board as to the expediency of having inserted on the police listing cards of April 1 the following questions: "Wage Earner?" "Employed?"

Coun. NORTON—Mr. President, on April 1, a week from tomorrow, the police of Boston will list the residents of this city who are twenty years of age or over. On the cards they will use are two vacant lines at the bottom. The order I have just introduced asks that the Mayor be requested through the Police Commissioner and the Listing Board, to place a stamp on these two last lines—the first question, "Wage earner?" and the second question, "Employed?" This will then be the first time in the history of any American municipality that an attempt is made to definitely ascertain who is out of work and what the number of those so out of work is. There is no problem today in American life calling for greater attention than that question, now. Getting the desired information, we will then be in a position, knowing what the problem is, to deal with it. The Mayor of Boston, for instance, says that there are 75,000 out of work in the city; others say 100,000. Some of the sunshine fellows claim that there are only 20,000. Here is an opportunity to ascertain from direct data who is a wage earner, and, if a wage earner, whether or not he is working.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

PAYMENT OF AID TO SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

Coun. MAHONEY, for the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, submitted report recommending payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the City of Boston for the month of March, 1930.

Report accepted, said order passed.

Adjourned, on motion of Coun. WILSON, at 4.54 p. m., to meet on Monday, March 31, 1930, at 2 p. m.

Correction: At the meeting of March 10 (page 93) Coun. Power (not Coun. Norton) called up from the calendar, for confirmation, the appointment of William T. J. O'Malley as constable.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, March 31, 1930.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President LYNCH in the chair. Absent, Coun. Dowd.

APPROPRIATION BILL FOR 1930.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 31, 1930.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen,—I submit herewith my budget recommendations for the fiscal year 1930 in full

segregated form in substitution for the lump sum recommendations submitted on January 27, 1930.

The allowances as recommended total \$49,501,799.53. This total represents a reduction of \$3,431,243.71 in the estimates as originally submitted and is \$1,916,210.17 in excess of the total of budget recommendations submitted in 1929. The total of this excess is shown in the following table:

City maintenance.....	\$1,530,865 66 ✓
City debt requirements.....	241,898 57
County maintenance.....	61,981 14 ✓
County debt requirements.....	14,272 47
Income departments.....	67,192 33 ✓
	<u>\$1,916,210 17 ✓</u>

CITY MAINTENANCE.

Appropriations for city maintenance expenses are made under eight group headings. The following schedule indicates in comparative form the main points of difference between the appropriations under these groups as recommended last year and as proposed for the current year.

TWO-YEAR BUDGET COMPARISON.

GROUP.	1930.	1929.	Increase.
A. Personal Service.....	\$21,179,674 62	\$20,161,173 76	\$1,018,500 86 ✓
B. Contractual Service.....	4,512,300 50	4,419,370 00	92,930 50 ✓
C. Equipment.....	1,448,011 04	1,280,966 44	167,044 60 ✓
D. Supplies.....	2,451,797 00	2,214,960 00	236,837 00 ✓
E. Materials.....	617,265 00	600,370 00	16,895 00 ✓
F. Special Items.....	3,747,868 83	3,301,616 58	446,252 25 ✓
G. Miscellaneous.....	125,532 13	126,379 68	* 847 55 ✓
Special Appropriations.....	1,106,800 00	1,553,547 00	* 446,747 00 ✓
	<u>\$35,189,249 12</u>	<u>\$33,658,383 46</u>	<u>\$1,530,865 66 ✓</u>

* Decrease.

The following explanations are offered in connection with the changes indicated in the various groups in the above schedule:

PERSONAL SERVICE.

The personal service requirements of the city for 1930 are \$1,018,500.86 in excess of the appropriations recommended in 1929. The items entering into this excess are indicated in the following table:

Increase in appropriations for permanent employees.....	\$893,725 97
Increase in appropriations for temporary employees.....	204,724 89
	<u>\$1,098,450 86</u>
Decrease in appropriations for overtime.....	79,950 00
Net increase.....	<u>\$1,018,500 86</u>

The increase in appropriations for permanent employees has been caused by salary increases granted to employees of the city, new positions allowed in city departments where increased activities would seem to warrant, and the overlay resulting from personal service changes made during the previous year. The following table indicates the relative importance of these items in contributing to the excess under discussion.

Overlay from 1929.....	\$672,741 28
New positions allowed.....	246,072 47
Salary increases granted.....	136,797 16
	<u>\$1,055,610 91</u>
Less budget savings.....	161,884 94
Net increase.....	<u>\$893,725 97</u>

The heavy overlay from 1929 may be attributed to the salary increases granted and the new positions established during that year. Liberal salary increases granted not only in the budget but also in the closing days of the year, the addition of 184 men in the uniform ranks of the Police and Fire Departments, and the establishment of the Boston Traffic Commission were important contributory factors to the heavy overlay burden which must be borne during the current year.

Provision has been made in the personal service recommendations for 366 new positions. Of this number 271 positions have been provided at the request of the City Hospital Trustees to properly man the new buildings recently completed or now nearing completion at the City Hospital and the Sanatorium Division. The balance of the new positions are spread through twenty-one departments and may be attributed in the main to increased activities within such departments.

The proposed budget provides increases for 2,369 city employees. In the main these increases have been granted to employees working under established sliding scales. Provision has also been made for reasonable increases to the lower paid employees. The following table indicates the distribution by groups of these increases:

Police and Fire	1,096
Clerical.....	406
Institutional.....	304
Professional.....	243
Inspectional and investigational.....	209
Labor.....	72
Mechanical.....	49
	<u>2,369</u>

The amount designated "budget savings" represents deductions made from departmental personal service requests because of existing vacancies, because of "slack" anticipated to develop during the year due to vacancies occurring through the sickness, death or retirement of employees, or because of the discontinuance of certain positions no longer deemed essential. If advantage had not been taken of these savings, the city budget for 1930 would have been approximately \$160,000 in excess of the total recommended.

In order that the city may do its proper share in helping to alleviate unemployment conditions in the community increased appropriations for temporary employees have been provided in the budget of the Park and Public Works Departments. It is estimated that approximately 200 men will benefit by this appropriation increase. In addition provision must be made this year for two election functions, the State Primary and State Election, whereas last year only one function was conducted. The reduction in the appropriations for overtime are in accord with the policy announced early in the year to limit payments for overtime service to the lowest possible minimum.

CONTRACTUAL SERVICE.

Appropriations for services to be rendered the city by individuals and corporations are segregated in the budget under twenty-four items. A comparison of the total appropriations recommended this year with those of 1929 indicate that ten items show very slight changes, two items show large decreases and twelve items reflect large increases. The open winter and a change in the policy of flushing city streets have made possible large reductions in the appropriations for snow removal and hire of contract trucks.

Increased appropriations for advertising and property registration fees have been provided in the budget of the Collecting Department because of the large amount of taxes outstanding at the beginning of this fiscal year. The installation of automatic traffic signals in the downtown area, the erection of new hospital and institutional buildings, the lighting of City Hall and City Hall Annex by Edison current, have necessitated increased appropriations for electric current. Increased costs in connection with the hire of branch library accommodations, and the additional election function to be conducted by the Election Department, have made necessary increased allowances for rentals. The natural expansion of the city's motor equipment and the policy of keeping the horse-drawn vehicles of the city in an efficient condition have resulted in increased appropriations for motor and motorless vehicle repairs. Contracts for the removal of waste during the current year show an increase of \$21,000 over similar contracts of last year, making necessary additional appropriations for the removal of ashes, dirt and garbage. The opening of new health units has made possible an increase in the number of clinics offered to citizens and has required increased amounts for medical services rendered at these clinics. To modernize the records of the Assessing and Registry Departments, additional allowances have been made for expert engineering, drafting and stenographic service. The number of children under the care of the Child Welfare Department has shown a tendency to increase in the last three years, making necessary each year additional appropriations under the budget item "Care of persons." Appropriations for the repair of city property in five departments show a substantial increase. In the Park and Public Buildings Departments approximately \$100,000 additional has been allowed this year in order that the parks, playgrounds, and public buildings of the city may be placed in proper condition for observance and use during this tercentenary year. In the Hospital Department the erection of new buildings has necessarily carried with it additional responsibilities in the matter of keeping these buildings in proper repair. In the Paving Division it has been necessary to allow an appropriation of \$18,000 for the replacement of the wooden bulkhead on Northern avenue near the piers of the Merchants and Miners Transportation Company. In the Sanitary Division an additional allowance of \$15,000 has been provided for major repairs in the loading station at Fort Hill Wharf.

Equipment.

Allowances for the purchase of new equipment are segregated in the budget under sixteen items. Comparison shows that six of these items reflect little if any increase over 1929 allowances, two show large decreases and eight reflect large increases. Purchases of special machinery made last year by the Library, Paving and Fire Departments, and of bathing suits in the Park Department do not recur this year, thus making possible the reductions in the appropriations for machinery and wearing apparel. The activities of the Traffic Commission in the matter of installation of automatic traffic signals have occasioned additional appropriations for the purchase of cable, timing devices, flashing beacons, signs and miscellaneous traffic equipment. The heavy duty trucks purchased four years ago have practically reached the limit of their usefulness and an increase of approximately \$120,000 has been provided in the motor vehicle items of the different divisions of the Public Works Department for the replacement of these trucks. Increased activities at the City Hospital and its Sanatorium Division have caused increased demands for furniture, fittings, medical, surgical and laboratory equipment. The installation of modern office equipment in the Treasury Department is responsible for the increase present under this item. At the request of the trustees of the Boston Public Library an increased appropriation has been made available for the purchase of books.

Supplies.

Department appropriations under this heading are segregated under fourteen items, seven of which show little change from 1929, one indicates a large decrease and six reflect substantial increases. The heating and lighting of City Hall and City Hall Annex under a contract with the Edison Company has resulted in material fuel savings. Tercentenary activities and additional election functions, increased activities due to the motor excise tax, and an increased number of patients have made necessary increased appropriations for office supplies in the Mayor's Office, Election, Assessing, Collecting and Hospital Departments. The expansion of the facilities of the hospitals and institutions of the city, making possible the handling of a larger number of patients, naturally has necessitated increased appropriations for food, medical, surgical, laboratory, laundry and cleaning supplies. During the extensive repairs on the Central Library Building it has been necessary to utilize the Central courtyard as a storage area. This yard is one of the beauty spots of the city and its rehabilitation, especially in this tercentenary year, is an important item of increase. The increasing numbers of motor vehicles owned by the city necessarily involve additional appropriations for gasoline and oils. Increased appropriations for chemicals and disinfectants are essential if the convenience stations, swimming pools and public buildings of the city are to be maintained in a sanitary condition.

Materials.

Appropriations under this group are segregated in ten items. The allowances under six of these show little if any change from last year, and the remaining four items show very moderate increases. The expansion of the property and plant of the Hospital Department have made increased appropriations necessary for building materials to be used by the mechanics of the department in making necessary repairs. The activities of the Traffic Commission have necessitated increased appropriations for electrical materials to be used in the maintenance of the automatic traffic signals, and for paint and traffic buttons to be used in the regulation of pedestrian and vehicular traffic. In the Park Department increased appropriations have been made for the purchase of materials to be used in repair of park and recreational equipment.

Special Items.

Of the eight items in this group 50 per cent show little if any change from last year, and the remaining 50 per cent show substantial increases over the appropriations of 1929. In the Police and Fire Departments increased retirements of the older members of the uniformed forces have resulted in increased appropriations for pensions and annuities. The existing commercial and industrial depression has been heavily felt by the Soldiers' Relief and Public Welfare Depart-

ments—approximately \$500,000 additional has been provided for Soldiers' Relief, Mothers' Aid, and Care of Dependents, in this year's budget recommendations.

Miscellaneous.

Increased appropriations for maintenance of the East Boston Airport, special investigations of the Finance Commission, City Planning Board and Health Department, and tercentenary expenditures of the City Council and Mayor's Office, have been offset by the fact that the large appropriation included under this group in last year's budget for the furnishing of the House Officers' Building at the City Hospital is not present this year, and for this reason the group appropriation shows a slight decrease from that of 1929.

Special Appropriations.

Eight of the nine special items appearing in this year's budget also were present in the 1929 budget. Of this eight, two are carried at the same appropriation as of 1929, two indicate substantial increases over last year's appropriations, and four reflect material reductions. The appropriation for Public Celebrations has been increased \$35,000 because of increased demands resulting from the proper observance of 1930 as the tercentenary year. The Reserve Fund of the city has been increased \$75,000 in order to provide for the codification of the building laws, increased activities of the Commercial, Industrial and Publicity Bureau, and the entertainment grant to the American Legion Convention authorized by the Legislature. Appropriations for granolithic sidewalks, and the repair and reconstruction of streets have been reduced to a minimum pending

the action by the Legislature on the petition of the city for a \$10,000,000 loan for this purpose outside the debt limit. Reductions in the appropriations for the reconstruction of park roads have been possible by the allocation of certain contemplated projects to the Parkman Fund. A new appropriation of \$75,000 has been provided for the proper observance by the city of the tercentenary of the founding of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Plans now in process of preparation for this celebration seem to justify the inclusion of this amount in the 1930 budget.

CITY DEBT REQUIREMENTS.

City debt requirements for 1930 show an increase of approximately \$250,000 over similar requirements in 1929. Of the items entering into this excess, serial loan requirements show an increase of approximately \$443,000. This increase may be attributed in the main to the policy of the Legislature in requiring that the period for which municipal loans are issued shall be shortened. Sinking Funds requirements show a decrease of \$36,000 largely because of the policy of crediting to such funds betterments collected by the city. The prevalence of easy money rates at the present time have made possible a reduction of \$165,000 in the estimate of interest requirements for 1930.

COUNTY MAINTENANCE.

Appropriations for county maintenance show an increase of approximately \$62,000 over similar recommendations made at this time last year. The following table indicates in comparative form the group distribution of this excess:

GROUP.	1930.	1929.	Increase.
A. Personal Service.....	\$2,183,132 95	\$2,116,560 28	\$66,572 67
B. Contractual Services.....	869,022 25	876,378 25	* 7,356 00
C. Equipment.....	91,523 00	89,581 00	1,942 00
D. Supplies.....	338,143 00	333,852 00	4,291 00
E. Materials.....	33,410 00	37,165 00	* 3,755 00
F. Special Items.....	73,831 02	73,819 55	11 47
G. Miscellaneous.....	7,775 00	7,500 00	275 00
	<u>\$3,596,837 22</u>	<u>\$3,534,856 08</u>	<u>\$61,981 14</u>

* Decrease.

It is apparent from the above table that increased personal service requirements account entirely for the increase in county maintenance appropriations. County appropriations for permanent employees show an increase of \$71,627.25 over 1929 appropriations, whereas recommendations for temporary employees and overtime show decreases of \$2,378.58 and \$2,676.00, respectively. The increase for permanent employees is accounted for as follows:

Overlay from 1929.....	\$60,002 31
125 salary increases.....	9,152 07
6 new positions.....	8,254 79
	<u>\$77,409 17</u>
Less budget savings.....	5,781 92
Net increase.....	<u>\$71,627 25</u>

As explained under city maintenance, overlay represents the burden which must be borne this year because of salary increases granted and new positions allowed during 1929 in county departments.

There is now before the Legislature a proposal to classify and regulate all county salaries. Pending action on this matter, salary increases to county employees have been limited to the lower paid employees. Six new positions have been created by county officials under authority vested in them by existing statute, and the city is bound under existing laws to provide for these positions.

The term "Budget Savings" has already been explained under the head of city maintenance.

Improved methods in regulating the services of jurors has been responsible in the main for the decrease indicated in the preceding table under group B. The decrease in materials is due mainly to the fact that items present in last year's allowances do not recur in the current year. The increases shown in the other four items in the table are due in the main to the natural expansion of county business.

COUNTY DEBT REQUIREMENTS.

The increase of approximately \$14,000 in county debt requirements is due to increased serial loan and interest requirements resulting from the issuance during 1929 of loans for improvements at Charles Street Jail and House of Correction.

INCOME DEPARTMENT.

The increases indicated in the appropriations for the income departments of the city are occasioned largely by the natural expansion and growth of the Printing and Water Departments.

CONCLUSION.

The delay in the submission of budget recommendations to your honorable body is most unfortunate and would be unnecessary provided legislative enactment permitted the municipal authorities to determine the tax limit for Boston. The tax limit allowance this year was \$16, and through a painstaking examination of the budget it has been possible to submit departmental esti-

mates \$1.50 less than the tax limit allowed by law. I sincerely hope that state authorities will at some time accord to the City of Boston the privilege which is enjoyed by all other cities of the Commonwealth, namely, the determination of tax limit by municipal authorities, but until such time as this right is accorded to the City of Boston there must be delay in the submission of budget requirements.

The chief sufferers annually, until a change has been made, must of necessity be the Soldiers' Relief Department, the Charities Department and the Correctional Departments, and what has been true in preceding years in the cases of these departments is equally true today. The limit of expendi-

tures permitted under the law prior to the passage of the budget has been reached in these departments, namely, the Soldiers' Relief Department, the Charities Department and the Correctional Departments, as evidenced by the submission of a separate emergency budget order to your honorable body this day. The early consideration and passage of the budget as here submitted must be evident to every member of the City Council and I sincerely trust that all will so regard it and act accordingly.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

DEPARTMENT ESTIMATES AND AMOUNTS ALLOWED BY MAYOR FOR 1930.

	Estimate.	Allowance.
Art Department.....	\$1,215 00	\$1,215 00
Assessing Department.....	367,325 21	353,132 58
Auditing Department.....	82,688 00	80,874 04
Boston Retirement Board.....	31,002 00	30,074 94
Boston Traffic Commission.....	301,580 96	217,971 63
Budget Department.....	14,899 00	12,364 00
Building Department.....	279,428 78	271,838 70
Board of Appeal.....	16,546 00	12,046 00
Board of Examiners.....	5,413 33	5,355 00
City Clerk Department.....	53,595 05	52,075 89
City Council.....	76,461 19	76,061 19
City Council Proceedings.....	12,750 00	12,750 00
City Documents.....	50,000 00	50,000 00
City Planning Board.....	39,571 45	34,275 64
Collecting Department.....	213,464 72	195,205 29
Election Department.....	265,244 21	251,193 31
Finance Commission.....	60,000 00	60,000 00
Fire Department.....	4,858,533 53	4,678,783 45
Wire Division.....	108,162 70	104,641 87
Health Department.....	1,153,565 08	1,077,767 50
Hospital Department.....	3,033,066 24	2,904,382 58
Sanatorium Division.....	660,427 20	561,884 97
Institutions Department:		
Central Office.....	58,360 88	55,008 80
Child Welfare Division.....	260,547 55	251,219 53
Long Island Hospital.....	773,675 26	720,589 84
Steamer "George A. Hibbard" and launch "James J. Minot".....	45,175 00	41,975 00
Rainsford Island, care of.....	8,000 00	1,800 00
Law Department.....	124,552 15	116,167 42
Library Department.....	1,321,779 00	1,173,144 00
Licensing Board.....	34,244 81	33,190 15
Market Department.....	17,557 92	17,557 67
Mayor, Office Expenses.....	109,150 72	103,439 74
Public Celebrations.....	110,000 00	100,000 00
Tercentenary Celebration.....	100,000 00	75,000 00
Park Department.....	1,946,140 97	1,817,754 75
Cemetery Division.....	200,645 92	182,873 22
Police Department.....	6,203,078 35	6,141,792 13
Public Buildings Department.....	824,620 86	644,868 42
Public Welfare Department:		
Central Office.....	2,835,124 66	2,755,457 33
Temporary Home.....	14,235 10	13,715 00
Wayfarers' Lodge.....	22,343 86	20,840 00
Public Works Department:		
Central Office.....	96,878 40	92,658 81
Bridge Service.....	490,753 63	480,890 49
Ferry Service.....	569,964 65	561,553 00
Lighting Service.....	1,058,891 88	1,019,206 43
Paving Service.....	2,209,032 43	1,819,510 01
Sanitary Service.....	3,780,018 53	3,382,854 25
Sewer Service.....	777,687 04	751,678 70
Registry Department.....	67,435 09	65,332 82
Reserve Fund.....	500,000 00	500,000 00
Sinking Funds Department.....	3,300 00	3,300 00
Soldiers' Relief Department.....	403,226 91	377,685 43
Statistics Department.....	20,135 99	16,036 12
Street Laying-Out Department.....	212,058 36	200,602 49
Supply Department.....	53,196 55	52,077 34
Treasury Department.....	76,725 00	76,034 73
Weights and Measures Department.....	50,305 31	49,241 92
Bridges, Repairs, etc.....	137,000 00	100,000 00
Granolithic sidewalks.....	100,000 00	25,000 00
Reconstructing and repairing streets by contract.....	1,000,000 00	250,000 00
Reconstructing and repairing parkways by contract.....	56,000 00	40,000 00
Street signs.....	25,000 00	15,000 00
	<u>\$38,382,082 43</u>	<u>\$35,189,249 12</u>
City Debt Requirements.....	<u>\$7,979,746 39</u>	<u>\$7,979,746 39</u>

	Estimate.	Allowance.
Suffolk County Courthouse (Custodian).....	\$185,602 20	\$185,033 62
Suffolk County Courthouse (County Buildings).....	123,160 00	97,260 00
County Buildings.....	141,349 32	115,850 32
Jail.....	266,517 59	258,374 71
Supreme Judicial Court.....	61,463 75	61,463 75
Superior Court, Civil Session (General Expenses).....	588,027 00	572,717 00
Superior Court, Civil Session (Clerk's Office).....	181,896 49	171,684 75
Superior Court, Criminal Session.....	492,070 07	469,470 19
Probate Court.....	24,674 00	23,599 00
Municipal Court.....	429,591 00	427,091 00
Municipal Court, Charlestown District.....	33,760 80	33,760 60
East Boston District Court.....	31,693 15	31,471 75
Municipal Court, South Boston District.....	26,759 95	26,759 95
Municipal Court, Dorchester District.....	31,714 20	31,507 92
Municipal Court, Roxbury District.....	81,257 00	80,336 60
Municipal Court, West Roxbury District.....	32,856 75	32,813 25
Municipal Court, Brighton District.....	21,156 88	19,912 38
Boston Juvenile Court.....	32,315 54	28,734 60
District Court of Chelsea.....	41,398 19	37,471 09
Registry of Deeds.....	201,170 41	195,803 86
Index Commissioners.....	27,423 00	27,023 00
Insanity Cases.....	30,115 00	30,115 00
Land Court.....	7,350 00	7,175 00
Medical Examiner Service, Northern Division.....	27,295 00	26,985 00
Medical Examiner Service, Southern Division.....	16,885 00	16,763 33
Associate Medical Examiner, Northern Division.....	2,120 00	2,010 00
Associate Medical Examiner, Southern Division.....	1,955 00	1,875 00
Miscellaneous Expenses:		
Auditing Department.....	955 00	955 00
Collecting Department.....	1,400 00	1,400 00
Sheriff.....	3,200 00	3,200 00
Treasury.....	5,740 00	5,740 00
Granite Avenue Bridge.....	5,956 70	5,936 70
Social Law Library.....	1,000 00	1,000 00
Penal Institutions Department:		
Office Expenses.....	39,112 50	38,762 50
House of Correction.....	491,698 94	458,724 68
Steamer "Michael J. Perkins".....	69,415 67	68,055 67
	<u>\$3,760,055 90</u>	<u>\$3,596,837 22</u>
County Debt Requirements.....	<u>\$154,936 29</u>	<u>\$154,936 29</u>
Printing Department.....	<u>\$481,195 76</u>	<u>\$479,146 37</u>
City Record, Publication of.....	<u>\$37,442 03</u>	<u>\$35,942 03</u>
Public Works Department:		
Water Service.....	\$1,806,248 49	\$1,736,482 79
Collecting Department, Water Division.....	72,040 95	70,164 32
Water Service, debt requirements.....	259,295 00	259,295 00
	<u>\$2,137,584 44</u>	<u>\$2,065,942 11</u>

RECAPITULATION OF AMOUNTS ALLOWED BY MAYOR FOR 1930.

From taxes:		
For city purposes within the tax limit.....	\$35,189,249 12	
City debt requirements.....	7,979,746 39	
		\$43,168,995 51
For County of Suffolk purposes.....	\$3,596,837 22	
County debt requirements.....	154,936 29	
		3,751,773 51
City and County total.....		\$46,920,769 02
From revenue:		
Printing Department.....	\$479,146 37	
City Record, Publication of.....	35,942 03	
Public Works Department, Water Service.....	1,736,482 79	
Collecting Department, Water Division.....	70,164 32	
Water Service, Debt Requirements.....	259,295 00	
		2,581,030 51
Grand total.....		<u>\$49,501,799 53</u>

BASIS OF ESTIMATES, 1929.

Average valuation, \$1,909,255,300.		
\$12.75 on the thousand brings.....	\$24,343,005 07	
Estimated income and cash in treasury.....	9,315,378 39	
Amount available for appropriation inside tax limit.....	<u>\$33,658,383 46</u>	

BASIS OF ESTIMATES, 1930.

Average valuation, \$1,931,061,933.33.		
\$16 on the thousand brings.....	\$30,896,990 93	
Estimated income and cash in treasury.....	7,430,635 88	
Amount available for appropriation inside tax limit.....	<u>\$38,327,626 81</u>	

WAYS AND MEANS OTHER THAN TAXES FOR 1930.

An estimate of the ways and means, other than taxes, of meeting expenditures of the City of Boston and County of Suffolk for the year ending December 31, 1930.

Building Department.....	\$60,000 00
City Clerk Department.....	20,000 00
Collecting Department.....	40,000 00
Fire Department.....	110,000 00
Health Department.....	20,000 00
Hospital Department.....	275,000 00
Institutions Department.....	13,000 00
Interest.....	575,600 00
Library Department.....	23,000 00
Licensing Board.....	52,000 00
Market Department.....	120,000 00
Mayor.....	49,000 00
Park Department.....	115,000 00
Pedlers' Licenses.....	6,000 00
Police Department.....	52,000 00
Public Buildings Department.....	21,000 00
Public Welfare Department.....	450,000 00
Public Works Department.....	300,000 00
Registry Department.....	12,000 00
Soldiers' Relief Department.....	34,000 00
Street Laying-Out Department.....	60,000 00
Weights and Measures Department.....	14,000 00
County of Suffolk.....	600,000 00
Corporation Tax.....	3,400,000 00
Street Railway Tax.....	125,000 00

Available cash in treasury, December 31, 1929.....	\$6,546,000 00
	884,635 88
	<u>\$7,430,635 88</u>

APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX ORDERS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1930.

Ordered, That to meet the current expenses payable during the financial year beginning with the first day of January, 1930, for performing the duties and exercising the powers devolved by statute or ordinance, or by vote of the City Council during the year, upon the City of Boston or County of Suffolk, or the departments or officers thereof, and to meet their obligations for interest on debt, sinking fund requirements and maturing debt not provided for by sinking fund, the respective sums of money specified in the tables and schedules hereinafter set out be and the same are hereby appropriated for the several departments and for the objects and purposes hereinafter stated.

Ordered, That the appropriations for Water Service current expenses and the payment to the state under the provisions of chapter 488 of the Acts of 1895, and acts in addition or amendment thereto, and for the interest and debt requirements or for loans issued for water purposes be met by the income of said works and any excess over income from taxes; that the appropriation for Printing Department be met by the department income and any excess over income from taxes; and the appropriation for *City Record* be met by the income of said publication and any excess over income from taxes; that the other appropriations hereinafter specified be met out of the money remaining in the treasury at the close of business on December 31, 1929, exclusive of the money raised by loan or needed to carry out the requirements of any statute, gift, trust or special appropriation, and by the income of the financial year beginning January 1, 1930, and taxes to the amount of \$39,490,133.14, and that said amount be raised by taxation on the polls and estates in the City of Boston.

Ordered, That all sums of money which form no part of the income of the city but shall be paid for services rendered or work done by any department or division for any other department or division, or for any person or corporation other than the City of Boston, be paid into the general treasury, and that all contributions made to any appropriation be expended for the objects and purposes directed by the several contributors thereof.

Ordered, That all taxes raised to meet the appropriations of the city and county and all taxes assessed for meeting the city's proportion

of the state tax for the year 1930, be due and payable on the fifteenth day of September, 1930; that interest shall be charged on all taxes remaining unpaid after the second day of October, 1930, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 59, section 57, of the General Laws, until paid, except the taxes assessed upon shares of national banks, which shall bear interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum from the fifteenth day of September, 1930, until paid; and that all interest which shall have become due on taxes shall be added to and be part of such taxes.

Ordered, That except as the appropriation for any purpose or item shall be increased by additional appropriations or transfers lawfully made no money shall be expended by any department for any of the purposes or items designated in the tables and schedules hereinafter set out in excess of the amount set down as appropriated for such specific purpose or item; and except as aforesaid no salaries or wages shall be paid in excess of the rates specified in said tables and schedules.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR PUBLIC WELFARE AND SOLDIERS' RELIEF DEPARTMENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 31, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—Under existing statute, city departments may expend prior to the passage of the annual budget an amount not in excess of "one-third the entire amount appropriated for the department for the previous year." Under ordinary conditions the maintenance costs of the city departments for the first four months of the financial year may be financed under the provisions of this act. This year, however, heavy demands for aid and relief, resulting from the unemployment situation prevalent throughout the country, have materially increased the expenditures of the Soldiers' Relief and Public Welfare Departments. I am advised by the Budget Commissioner that the Soldiers' Relief Department has already reached the statutory limit of expenditure and that in all probability the Public Welfare Department will reach this limit within a few days.

In order that the needy of the city may not be estopped from securing the relief necessary to alleviate their condition, I deem it advisable to suggest to the Council the passage of an order providing for the appropriation of the relief amounts recommended in the budgets of the Soldiers' Relief and Public Welfare Departments. For this purpose I submit herewith the necessary order and respectfully suggest its immediate adoption by your honorable body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That to meet the current expenses payable during the financial year beginning with the first day of January, 1930, for performing the duties and exercising the powers devolved by statute or ordinance, or by vote of the City Council during the year, upon the City of Boston, or the department or officers thereof, the respective sums of money specified in the tables hereinafter set forth be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, to be expended for the objects and purposes hereinafter stated, that the same be raised by taxation upon the polls and estates taxable in the City of Boston, and that all orders relating to appropriations, taxes and the interest thereon apply to the taxes herein provided for.

PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT.
Central Office.

F. Special Items.....	<u>\$2,625,000 00</u>
9. Care of dependents... \$1,900,000 00	
10. Mothers' Aid... 725,000 00	

SOLDIERS' RELIEF DEPARTMENT.

F. Special Items..... \$300,000 00

8. State and
mili-
tary
aid,
soldiers'
relief
and
burials, \$300,000 00

Referred to the Executive Committee.

REMOVAL OF RAILROAD DIFFERENTIALS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 31, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I beg to submit herewith a communication received from the Corporation Counsel requesting affirmative favorable action for the removal of railroad differentials and respectfully recommend the adoption of the same by your honorable body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Law Department, March 31, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—The Boston Port Authority is about to file a formal complaint with the Interstate Commerce Commission seeking the removal of the railroad differentials which now so seriously affect the trade and commerce of this city. At the request of the Port Authority, and with your Honor's approval, I am acting as counsel for the Port Authority together with Hon. Johnston B. Campbell of Washington, D. C., former Commissioner of the Interstate Commerce Commission. We are about to file a formal complaint on behalf of the Boston Port Authority with the Interstate Commerce Commission in this connection. We feel that it is essential that the City of Boston join with us as a party complainant and in order that the city government may be on record favoring the filing of a complaint by the City of Boston I am inclosing herewith a copy of an order which I believe should be submitted to the City Council for its approval. Heretofore the differential cases brought by the Maritime Association of the Chamber of Commerce of the Port of Boston have attempted to secure differentials under Baltimore and Philadelphia. In the petition that is about to be filed the port of Boston is to seek a differential under the port of New York which at the present time has more business than it can satisfactorily handle. If the port of Boston is successful in securing this differential under New York we believe that a considerable portion of the surplus export business of the port of New York will be directed through the port of Boston.

Very truly yours,
SAMUEL SILVERMAN,
Corporation Counsel.

Ordered, That the City Council of the City of Boston favors the commencement of proceedings before the Interstate Commerce Commission to remove the rail differentials which now so adversely affect the trade and commerce of the port of Boston; and be it further ordered that the Corporation Counsel, with the approval of his Honor the Mayor, forthwith commence such proceedings on behalf of the City of Boston.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted appointments for the term ending April 30, 1930, viz.:

Constables: Nathan E. Rosenberg, 15 Elmhurst street, Dorchester; John T. Galvin, 69 Mountain avenue, Dorchester; William W. Lyons, 589 East Fourth street.

Wheigher of Coal: Ethel Pass, 264 Norfolk avenue, Roxbury.

Wheigher of Goods: William F. Warren, Hotel Lucerne, Causeway street, Boston.

Respectively laid over a week under the law.

DISAPPROVAL OF CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 28, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I return herewith, disapproved, the constable's bond of Patrick H. Murphy, for the reason that I am informed that one of the indemnitors obtained by the surety company signed under a misapprehension and that the agents of the company have refused to receive a letter of withdrawal.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

Later in the session Coun. WILSON said:
Mr. President, I would like to make an inquiry with regard to bonds for constables. Am I under the wrong impression in thinking that they come down to us from the Law Department in every case? If not, so that we may exercise a little more care in the future, I think it might be well to have them come here after such approval.

President LYNCH—The bonds are approved by the City Treasurer before we get them, following a form approved by the Corporation Counsel.

EXPENDITURES FROM PARKMAN FUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 26, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I beg to submit herewith recommendations of the Park Commission making provision for the expenditure of \$32,000 from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund for the purposes as herein set forth.

I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, March 25, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—By vote of the Board of Park Commissioners you are respectfully asked to make a request upon the City Council for the transfer from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund of the sum of \$32,000 which is now available, for the purposes stated below:

Highland Park Improvements Roxbury:	
Repairs to standpipe, grading, etc...	\$19,500
Arnold Arboretum Improvements:	
Fences, roadways, etc.	7,500
Purchase of Animals, Birds, and Fish:	
Replacements and new stock.	5,000
	<u>\$32,000</u>

Yours very respectfully,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

Ordered, That the sum of \$32,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commissioners for the maintenance and improvement of the Common and parks in existence on January 12, 1887, as follows:

Highland Park Improvements, etc....	\$19,500
Arnold Arboretum Improvements, etc..	7,500
Animals, Birds, etc.	5,000

Referred to the Committee on Parkman Fund.

EAST BOSTON TUNNEL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 28, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—The rejection by the Legislature of the alternative bill, submitted for the purpose of allowing the city to choose between a bridge and a tunnel to East Boston, apparently makes it necessary to proceed without further delay with the construction of the tunnel.

There is pending before the Committee on Rules of the Legislature a bill providing for certain im-

provements to the East Boston Tunnel Act and in order that the matter may be considered by the appropriate committee it is necessary that the proposed legislation be favored by the City Council; accordingly I recommend the passage of the accompanying resolution.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Resolved, That the City Council of the City of Boston favors the enactment of legislation relative to the construction of a vehicular tunnel between Boston proper and East Boston, as set forth in a bill accompanying a petition of Frederic H. Fay and Henry I. Harriman, or like legislation to accomplish the same ends, and favors the borrowing of money outside the legal limit of indebtedness to accomplish said purpose like or as set forth in said bill.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, I move a suspension of the rule and the passage of the resolution.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I move that the matter be referred to the Executive Committee.

The matter was referred to the Executive Committee.

CENSUS OF EMPLOYMENT BY POLICE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 29, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—The order adopted by the City Council at a meeting held upon Monday, March 24, 1930, requesting that the police, in the listing of voters, take a census of employment and unemployment in the City of Boston, has been arranged without interfering with the work of the Police Department and will be carried out in conformity with the wishes of the City Council in the manner set forth in the communication from the Police Commissioner here appended.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Police Department,
Office of the Commissioner, March 27, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mayor Curley,—I have received your letter of March 25 with which you inclosed a copy of an order of the City Council relative to obtaining information through the police listing as to the number of persons who are unemployed in this city, and in answer to the same I am sending you herewith a copy of an order to be sent to the superintendent, if in your opinion it will obtain the desired results.

Will you kindly communicate your approval as soon as possible.

Yours respectfully,
HERBERT A. WILSON,
Commissioner.

(Appended was the letter to the superintendent referred to).

Placed on file.

BEQUEST TO CITY BY LATE MARY P. C. CUMMINGS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, March 31, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—Under the will of the late Mary P. C. Cummings, a former resident of Woburn, there was bequeathed to the City of Boston her home and some two hundred acres of land located in the City of Woburn and, in addition, the land and building thereon numbered 53 North Market street, Boston.

It has been customary for the City of Boston to conduct outings for the children under the provisions of the Randidge Excursion Fund to one of the islands in the harbor during the summer time. The practise has been to use the boat upon which prisoners are transported to Deer Island and the outing exercises have been conducted either at Rainsford Island or at Long Island.

Under the most favorable circumstances, the atmosphere is not of the best and in my opinion an opportunity is presented to not only provide one that would be more cheerful but to develop a summer recreation resort for the children that would be beneficial to both mind and body, in the acceptance of the accompanying order.

In the event that the City Council sees fit to accept the accompanying order, the income from the property located at North Market street, plus such contribution as might be necessary from the Randidge Excursion Fund, should make possible the development of the property bequeathed to the city by Mary P. C. Cummings at Woburn.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Whereas, Mary P. C. Cummings of Woburn died December 23, 1927, leaving a will which was allowed by the Probate Court of the County of Middlesex January 18, 1928; and

Whereas, By said will the said Mary P. C. Cummings bequeathed certain personal property to persons named in said will and devised certain real property as set forth in said will and directed that the income of other personal property be paid to various persons during their lives and then bequeathed the said personal property to the same legatees entitled to take the said personal property under the provisions of Clause No. 4 of said will; and

Whereas, By Clause No. 4 of said will the said Mary P. C. Cummings devised and bequeathed as follows:

"To the City of Boston, Massachusetts, I give and devise all the land together with the buildings thereon in the City of Woburn and in the town of Burlington, Massachusetts, which was conveyed to me by Charles Fairchild by deed, dated February 26, 1890, and recorded with Middlesex Deeds, Book 1967, Page 131, except so much thereof as shall have been conveyed by me in my lifetime or is herein otherwise specifically devised (the same being known as Babylon Hill) but in trust, nevertheless, for the following purposes and uses, to hold and keep the same forever open as a public pleasure ground and to maintain and care for the same in a suitable manner in accordance with that purpose; and in case the said City of Boston accepts the foregoing gift, I also give and devise to it the land and buildings thereon owned by me numbered 53 North Market street in Boston and the stocks given in trust under the provisions of Item 2 and 3 of this will subject to said trusts, respectively. Said last named real estate and the stocks to be taken by the City of Boston on the trust to apply the net income therefrom to the care and maintenance of said real estate in Woburn and Burlington as a public pleasure ground as aforesaid. In case, however, the said City of Boston shall decline or fail to accept said real estate in Woburn and Burlington for purposes aforesaid, I give and devise the same together with all real and personal property herein given to said City of Boston for the accomplishment of said purposes to the Playground and Recreation Association of America in trust for the same purposes and on the same terms and conditions as are herein prescribed concerning the taking of same by the said City of Boston."

Whereas, By Clause No. 8 of said will, which is the residuary clause of said will, the said Mary P. C. Cummings devised and bequeathed as follows:

"I give, devise and bequeath all the rest, residue and remainder of my property, real and personal, of which I shall die seized or possessed and to which I may be entitled at the time of my decease, to the City of Boston, aforesaid, if it accepts the gift of real estate in Woburn and Burlington, specified in Item 4 of this will for use in the care and maintenance of said real estate as a public pleasure ground as above provided. In case, however, said City of Boston declines or fails to accept said gift of said real estate for the purposes aforesaid, I give the residue of my estate to the Playground and Recreation Association of America for the same purposes as herein specified in gifts of it to the City of Boston."

Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered that the abovesaid bequests and devises to the City of Boston, be, and the same hereby are, accepted by the said City of Boston according to the terms set forth in said will.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation, for refund on garage licenses.

Boston Elevated Railway, for refund on refuse tickets.

Mary Burbidge, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Fuller and Washington streets.

P. F. Carey Company, for compensation for damage to property at 380 Washington street, Brighton, caused by city truck.

Benjamin Cohen, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

Angelo Dello Russo, for compensation for damage to truck by city wagon.

Abraham Goldenberg, for compensation for damage to truck by city team.

Lena Malsberg, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 122 Erie street, Dorchester.

Mrs. A. B. McKenney, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 62 Wellington Hill street.

Esther Rudoff, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 36 Spring street.

Timothy Sheehan *et al.*, for compensation for injuries caused by city truck.

Annie Simonowich, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 30 Spring street.

Talbot Avenue Garage Company, for refund on refuse tickets.

J. M. Tobin, for compensation for damage to car by city wagon.

William R. Walsh, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Anna G. Cahill, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Executive.

Petitions for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement, viz.:

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Committee on Jitney Licenses.

Petition of Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Company, to operate motor vehicles on River street, between Blue Hill avenue and bus exit of Mattapan Station of Boston Elevated Railway; also from junction of Blue Hill avenue and River street through Mattapan square and on Blue Hills Parkway and Neponset River Bridge to the Boston-Milton line on said bridge.

CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The constables' bonds of Edgar F. Callahan, William P. McGuinness and Patrick H. Murphy, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, were received and approved.

APPOINTMENT OF SECOND ASSISTANT ASSESSORS.

Notice was received from the Board of Assessors of appointment of second assistant assessors, effective March 31, 1930, at compensation of \$5 per diem for period of forty days, as per list, same having been approved by the Mayor.

Placed on file.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS.

Notice was received of approval by the Commissioners of Civil Service of the following appointments by the Mayor, viz.:

Edmund L. Dolan, 380 Jamaica way, City Treasurer.

William G. O'Hare, 21 Bartlett street, Charlestown, Penal Institutions Commissioner.

Mary A. Parr, 29 Wallingford road, Brighton, member of City Planning Board.

Henry L. Daily, 25 Clarkson street, Dorchester, City Registrar.

Vincent Brogna, 112 Bayswater street, East Boston, Overseer of Public Welfare.

Severally placed on file.

SIDEWALK ASSESSMENTS.

The Commissioner of Public Works submitted schedule showing cost of constructing artificial stone sidewalks, together with names of owners of record of estates bordering thereon, and orders covering assessment of half cost, as follows:

	Half Cost.
Olney street, Ward 15.....	\$1,707 94
Montview street, Ward 20.....	3,076 91
Mt. Vernon street, Ward 20.....	6,812 66
Greenwich street, Ward 15.....	2,820 87
Adelaide street, Ward 19.....	1,069 32
Charles street, Ward 15.....	480 15
East Fourth street, Ward 6.....	338 15
Farragut road, Ward 6.....	224 66
Vermont street, Ward 20.....	129 83
Vermont street, Ward 20.....	406 96

Orders severally passed under suspension of the rule.

PAYMENT TO WIDOW OF LEO T. YOUNG.

Coun. DONOVAN offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of the City of Boston hereby approves the enactment of legislation to authorize the city to pay a sum of money to the widow of Leo T. Young, an employee of the School Department, who died from gas poisoning from a broken gas main in the James Otis School.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

WARD 1 IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. DONOVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Maverick street, Ward 1, from New street to the airport.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Liverpool street, from Sumner street to Central square, Ward 1.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Sumner street, Ward 1, from Orleans street to its end.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Webster street, from Orleans street to its end, Ward 1.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

BOULEVARD STOP, LOUIS PRANG STREET.

Coun. ARNOLD offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to place a "boulevard stop" sign on the right-hand side of Louis Prang street at the proper distance from its intersection with Huntington avenue.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ENGROSSING RESOLUTIONS ON DEATH OF EX-PRESIDENT TAFT.

Coun. CURTIS offered the following:

Ordered, That the expense of engrossing the resolutions adopted by the City Council on the death of Ex-President Taft, not to exceed \$100, be charged to the Reserve Fund.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PROPOSED REPAVING OF BRANCH STREET, WARD 5.

Coun. CURTIS offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public

Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave Branch street, Ward 5, near Charles street.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

WARD 11 IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. ENGLERT offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Woodside avenue, Ward 11.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept as a public highway Garfield street, Ward 11.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

CONCRETE BLEACHERS, FRANKLIN FIELD.

Coun. RUBY offered the following:

Ordered, That the sum of thirty thousand dollars, be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commission for the erection of concrete bleachers on Franklin Field, and that to meet such expense the City Treasurer be authorized to issue from time to time, at the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

WARD 15 IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. KELLY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install sufficient electric arc lamps to provide adequate lighting along Hamilton street, between Bowdoin street and Clarkson street, Ward 15.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install sufficient electric arc lamps to provide adequate lighting along Dickens street, Ward 15.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept Cornell street, Ward 15, as a public highway.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION.

Coun. FISH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along 49 Train street, Ward 16, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Coun. MURRAY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Washington street, both sides, from Asticou road to Poplar street, Ward 19, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Coun. NORTON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Sunnyside street, east side, from 72 to 96, inclusive, Ward 18, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public

Works make a sidewalk along Huntington avenue, both sides, from Thatcher street to Westminster street, Ward 18, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Coun. GLEASON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Haskins street, both sides, Ward 9, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

AUTOMATIC SIGNALS, WARD 20.

Coun. COX offered the following:

Ordered, That the sum of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Boston Traffic Commission for the installation of a system of automatic traffic signals on Centre street, Ward 20, from Church street to Spring street, and from Spring street to Baker street, and that to meet such expense the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, at the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to that amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

WARD 20 IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. COX offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out a sewer in Amesbury street, Ward 20, the entire length.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out a sewer in Alleyne street, Ward 20, the entire length.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out a sewer in Atlantis street, Ward 20, from Glenham street to Brook Farm road.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out a sewer in Ashland avenue, Ward 20, the entire length.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out a sewer in Berwick street, Ward 20, the entire length.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out a sewer in Baker street, Ward 20, from the Railroad to Brookline line.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out a sewer in Baker place, Ward 20, the entire length.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out a sewer in Bullion road, Ward 20, the entire length.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out a sewer in Bobolink street, Ward 20, the entire length.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out a sewer in Brook Farm road, Ward 20, the entire length.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out a sewer in Buchanan road, Ward 20, the entire length.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public

Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out a sewer in Spinney street, Ward 20, the entire length.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out a sewer in Sparrow street, Ward 20, the entire length.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out a sewer in Swan street, Ward 20, the entire length.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out a sewer in Sherwood street, Ward 20, the entire length.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out a sewer in Temple terrace, Ward 20, the entire length.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out a sewer in Thrush street, Ward 20, the entire length.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out a sewer in Winslow street, Ward 20, the entire length.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out a sewer in Willet street, Ward 20, the entire length.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out a sewer in Washington street, Ward 20, from La Grange street to Cottage avenue.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out a sewer in Welland road, Ward 20, the entire length.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out a sewer in Willowdean avenue, Ward 20, from Weld street to Ledyard road.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

The Council voted, at 2.34 p. m., on motion of Coun. BUSH, to take a recess subject to the call of the President. The members reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by President LYNCH at 3.41 p. m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. MAHONEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted reports as follows:

1. Report on petitions (referred today) for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement, viz:

Jennie M. Trainor, Jordan Hall, May 13; Lillafrances Viles, Current Events Hall, April 26; Rose E. Donaghey, Municipal Building, Roslindale, May 9; Marion Thayer Hiltz, Municipal Building, Vine street, May 15,—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on usual conditions.

2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) appropriating \$2,625,000 for Public Welfare Department and \$300,000 for Soldiers' Relief Department,—that same ought to pass.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, in order that the way in which we are voting may be made clear on the record, I want to say this, having in view the discussion of this matter in the Executive Committee, that I do not believe, merely because any member of this Council sees fit to look over an order, to criticize a figure or to use his own brains on any particular matter that comes into the Council, he must necessarily be considered hostile to the present administration, and I don't think the present Mayor will resent any man in this present body of twenty-two members using the brains that God presumably gave him on any

occasion. It is now proposed, under the report before us, to pass the entire appropriation for the Public Welfare Department and the Soldiers' Relief Department for 1930. The amount for the Soldiers' Relief Department is \$300,000, and for the Public Welfare Department \$2,625,000. I certainly cannot believe that the Mayor of this city would resent any member of the Council voting to grant \$200,000 out of the \$300,000 which the Budget Commissioner has asked for the Soldiers' Relief Department, particularly in view of the fact that the Budget Commissioner tells us that that will take care of the department certainly until the first of June. The amount upon which we are asked to vote at this time for the Public Welfare Department, the appropriation for the whole year 1930, amounts to \$2,625,000. The order as drawn asks us to pass that without reference to the Appropriations Committee, to pass the appropriation that they say they require for the whole year, without our knowing anything about the details of it, and in spite of the fact that we know that a much smaller sum will meet the requirements of the department for some time to come. The Budget Commissioner has told us quite frankly that if we should vote \$1,500,000 at this time it would take care of every conceivable demand on the part of the Public Welfare Department until the first of June. Knowing those facts, I don't care to be in the position of voting for the entire budget for the year at this time, without even seeing the figures. It is for that reason—with no idea of criticizing any administration but simply in order to fulfill the duties of the position I have been elected to, that I move to amend the figures so that for the Public Welfare Department, instead of \$2,625,000, they will read \$1,250,000, and for the Soldiers' Relief Department, instead of \$300,000, they will read \$200,000, inasmuch as we have been informed by the Budget Commissioner that those amounts will take care of these very necessary departments certainly until the month of June.

Coun. CURTIS—Mr. President, I am in favor of this amendment. I believe we are all in favor of providing these departments with necessary funds. The only question before us is, whether we are going to pass the whole year's appropriation without any consideration whatever, instead of giving the departments sufficient to take care of them for the time being and then having an opportunity to consider the whole matter in an orderly way. I think we should do the latter. In saying this, I do not wish to be understood as opposing the expenditures in any way. I simply think these matters should receive proper consideration. I trust, therefore, that the Council will vote to accept the amendment, and I believe it is our duty, being elected here to give proper consideration to financial questions affecting the city, to vote at this time for such amendments.

Coun. FITZGERALD—Mr. President, speaking upon the amendment offered by the councilor from Dorchester, I might call the attention of the Council to City Document No. 1. If they have it before them they might read it. It is the Mayor's inaugural address, and in it he says:

"The expenditures of the Public Welfare Department are an unfailing barometer as to industrial prosperity or depression, and the amount required in the closing months of 1929 indicate that there is dire need at present. The solution of all these problems requires the action and approval of the City Council. Too often in the past the attention of the citizens has been centered on the inauguration, personality and policies of the chief executive; losing sight of the fact that this ceremony is also the inauguration day of the members of the City Council, who have been selected by the people to act as a Board of Directors. Since the curtailing of their powers along certain executive and administrative lines by the so-called Good Government Charter of 1909, it has become customary for those having little knowledge of the foundations of municipal government to make light of the City Council membership and attempt to belittle their importance. Nothing is more unwarranted and unfair—and no one can more appreciate from actual experience their power and influence for good administration, and the necessity for their hearty cooperation and assistance, than I. From my knowledge of the caliber of the men whom the people have selected to represent them in the present honorable body, I feel certain of that cooperation and assistance to the fullest degree."

Now, that is what the Mayor himself said on inauguration day, and what is this Council now doing? Throwing away their powers in an appropriation of this kind. Last year and the year before last we were led to vote for appropriations for Long Island, and every time we were asked to do anything for Long Island there was a plea for the unfortunate poor and sick and we were urged to immediately put the appropriation through. How much of the money so appropriated was used for improper purposes we don't know. But we do now know that boilers were installed which might at any moment blow up the entire institution and cast the bodies of the poor unfortunates there into the sea. The danger threatened has just been discovered and is so threatening, and conditions are so bad as to indicate malfeasance in office and to perhaps warrant a call of the District Attorney to proceed. In this matter the Council is now proposing to surrender its powers and perhaps to repeat the very sort of thing that I have just referred to. So that is why I go back to the Mayor's own words when he spoke on inauguration day, indicating what our duties and responsibilities are. We are asked to vote away millions of dollars to help the poor veterans and to afford aid to the unfortunates who come under the Public Welfare Department, without reading or seeing the budget. It is all very well to appropriate sufficient money to carry them through until June 1, and the Council can then go into the figures, exercising their rights and prerogatives, and pass on the necessities of the department for the rest of the year. The Mayor himself, when he was a member of this body, would not approve of its taking such action. The records will show that he was always an active member of the body, that he always insisted on observance of its rights, and that he wanted to have the body obtain the necessary and proper information before voting for appropriations. Now, however, the members of this Council are proposing to vote blindly for this order, which will grant the budget asked for by these departments for the entire year, without an opportunity to examine into the matter and see if we would thereby be doing the right thing. We voted to accept the tunnel act, with a possible ultimate expenditure of \$50,000,000, without proper investigation, nobody knowing how far it would go, and possibly resulting in one of the greatest scandals in the history of the city. Nobody knows where it will end. So I urge the members of the body not to surrender their rights and prerogatives today, but to vote for the amendment which the councilor from Dorchester has offered. In acting upon this amendment, I ask you to bear in mind and to read the words uttered by the Mayor of the city when he spoke here on inauguration day, in which he attempted to show the members of the body that they amounted to something and to show the citizens that we here were elected to properly perform the functions of our office, and that we had real power and responsibility. If you are going to surrender your rights, however, we might as well now acknowledge that we are merely rubber stamps and adjourn *sine die*.

Coun. MURRAY—Mr. President, from what the councilor from Dorchester has said, I believe the amount of money that would be appropriated under his amendment would last until July, or certainly until such time as we would have had a chance to look over the budget. A large part of the trouble we have had in connection with the poor of the city has been through the Public Welfare Department. If we adopt the amendment today, we will have a chance to talk with the men there and to get some idea about conditions. Every man here has had a fight with the visitors to people in his district. Let us know what the situation is. I am going to stand with the councilor from Dorchester in his amendment.

President LYNCH—Will Councilor Wilson repeat his amendment, please?

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, my attention has been called to the fact that there are two items under the Public Welfare Department, the item for care of dependents, \$1,900,000 and for Mothers' Aid, \$725,000. The motion I make is to amend the Public Welfare Department figures, reducing the amount of the total, \$2,625,000, to \$1,500,000, reducing the item for care of dependents from \$1,900,000 to \$1,000,000, and the item for Mothers' Aid from \$725,000 to an even \$500,000; and reducing the amount for Soldiers' Relief Department from \$300,000 to \$200,000, two thirds of the entire

amount. Those figures are the figures that the Budget Commissioner told the members of the Executive Committee would easily carry those departments to the first of June, at least.

Coun. Wilson's amendment was declared rejected. Coun. WILSON doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

Coun. Wilson's amendment was rejected, yeas 9, nays 12:

Yeas—Coun. Arnold, Cox, Curtis, Fitzgerald, Kelly, Murray, Norton, Ruby, Wilson—9.

Nays—Coun. Bush, Donovan, Englert, Fish, Gallagher, Gleason, Green, Hein, Lynch, Mahoney, McGrath, Power—12.

The report was accepted and the order was passed, yeas 20; nays—Coun. Curtis—1.

3. Report on message from Mayor and order (referred today) that the City Council favors commencement of proceedings before the Interstate Commerce Commission to remove rail differentials which now adversely affect the trade and commerce of port of Boston, and that the Corporation Council commence such proceedings on behalf of Boston—that same ought to pass.

President LYNCH—I think it was understood that Coun. Norton was to explain this matter of differentials and to enlighten the members.

Coun. NORTON—Mr. President, wasn't it understood with the Clerk of Committees that this report was to be deferred for one week?

President LYNCH—The Chair will ask Councilor Arnold, he being the gentleman who made the motion.

Coun. ARNOLD—Mr. President, my reason for making the motion I did in executive session was that I felt that this was one of the most important things affecting the City of Boston in part and New England in general, and that a member of this body, who I felt was qualified to do so, might make himself heard before the Council and have his statement go forth to the citizens of Boston as well as of New England. That is the reason why I made the motion at that time, Mr. President. In view of the fact that the gentleman who was designated as the one best informed on this matter would prefer to be heard a week from today, I would move that the matter be assigned to the next meeting.

President LYNCH—The Chair is informed that it might defeat the object of the order to lay the matter on the table or to assign it for one week.

Coun. BUSH—Mr. President, this matter is one of paramount importance, and to lay it over for a week would serve no useful purpose, except perhaps to give the councilor from Hyde Park a chance to put together and give to us definite information as to what makes up the rate differentials under which Boston is handicapped and is laboring at the present time. We have had this question up before, however, and I believe most of the members of the Council have a general idea of the situation, which amounts to this, that the rate differentials as they now operate exclude the City of Boston from a certain amount of commerce which rightfully belongs to New England and the City of Boston in part. There have been a great many efforts on the part of the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Boston in the past to have for Boston a more favorable rate differential, which will permit New England to obtain some of the traffic that is now kept from us by reason of the differential. I think it is sufficient for us to know that and that it is for the benefit of the City of Boston and of New England in general to pass this order at once, in order that the work which may be done under it may proceed. I will move, therefore, that we pass on this matter today.

Coun. NORTON—Mr. President, my only reason for suggesting assignment was that I might present next week some data that would be of interest to the members of the Council. I agree with Councilor Bush that this is an extremely important matter, and that if time is of the essence of the matter, it should be passed today. While I would prefer myself, in order that I might properly prepare and present the desired information, to have the action deferred until next week, I think I can say a few words at this time that will give a general idea of the situation as it lies in my mind. If I had my way, instead of using the expression that we continually see in the news about "differentials," I would use the expression that there was against Boston, on shipments from the West a handicap of 2 cents per 100 pounds, so that everybody could understand what was meant, what was signified by the abstract expression

"differentials." Numerous people in the past twenty years have attempted to tell us what was wrong with Boston and what was wrong in particular with the port of Boston. But those interested in our city invariably speak of the "differential" against the port of Boston in attempting to give the reason why we have not retained our old position in the great galaxy of American cities, in the matter of amount of freight handled as related to population. "Differential" means this, as I understand it, that as applied to commodities or freight coming from the great Western bread basket of America, from the great plains of the Rockies via Chicago, there is a charge of 2 cents more per 100 pounds for such commodity and freight shipped through Boston as compared with Baltimore or Philadelphia. Naturally the farmer in the greatest wheat-growing section of the world—Iowa, Kansas and the other great agricultural states—when it comes to shipping his commodity naturally wishes to send it through the cheapest port; and the reason why it is sent through the ports of Baltimore and Philadelphia—and a certain amount by way of New York, the great trade center and metropolis of this hemisphere—is that there is this handicap of 2 cents per 100 pounds on freight sent through Boston as compared with Baltimore and Philadelphia, with the result that grain elevators and facilities for handling such commodities have been going to waste in the section represented here by Councilor Donovan of East Boston for twenty years or over. We are speaking here of building additional grain elevators. Whether or not that is to be done, under present circumstances, is an economic question. But the result of this discrimination against Boston has been that grain elevators and facilities for handling freight in the East Boston and Charlestown area have, as I say, for years been going to waste, that there has been nothing doing in a business way. So today the request of Corporation Counsel Silverman and Mayor Curley is that we put up a legal battle before the Interstate Commerce Commission and other interested bodies to see if it will not be possible to remove that 2 cents per 100 pounds obstacle against merchandise going through the port of Boston. The chairman of the Maritime Division of the Chamber of Commerce, Frank W. Davis, tells us that the opening of the Welland Canal and the moving of freight by way of that canal and the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, is destined to result in shipping more grain through Boston, and looking forward to an improvement along that line, the Governor of the Commonwealth and other officials are now considering the advisability of erecting in the South Boston area a grain elevator to handle the additional grain which is destined to move this way, because of the fact that Canada has built that Welland Canal. Mr. President, grain would surely move this way if it were not for the handicap we suffer because of this discrimination against Boston and in favor of other ports. This 2 cents per 100 pounds handicap against Boston means the demolition of this trade, means the destruction of the commerce which has been carried on so successfully through this port in the past for 200 years. So that is the threat of the differential. In stating at a previous meeting my reason for differing with my colleague from Dorchester (Coun. Wilson) with regard to the effect that a toll that was not very carefully thought out might have in injuring East Boston I brought up as a parallel instance, to show the injurious effect on business of a charge that might in itself be thought small, this so-called differential of 2 cents per 100 pounds against the port of Boston as compared with Baltimore and Philadelphia. Nothing in the world is so harmful to commerce as a sometimes seemingly small charge against one city as compared with another. That 2 cents per 100 pounds makes all the difference in the world on ocean-borne freight in deciding its destination, whether through the port of Boston or through some other port. We have here an attempt by the Corporation Counsel of Boston, under the direction of his Honor the Mayor, to place Boston on a parity with other North Atlantic ports, and I certainly trust, Mr. President, that the order will be passed.

Report accepted; order passed.

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

President LYNCH called up, under unfinished business, Nos. 1 and 2 on the calendar, viz.:

1. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor March 24, 1930, of John T. Kelly, Arthur McNeil, William H. McInerney, David G. Moran, John J. Mahoney, Daniel F. O'Connor, Alexander A. Ardolino, Henry A. Gagin, John M. Fabins, David Epstein, Dennis J. Hickey, Louis Davis, to be Constables.

2. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor March 24, 1930, of Arthur J. Sangster, Walter J. Fallon, Lawrence O'Connor, to be Weighers of Coal, and Lucian R. Temple to be a Weigher of Goods.

The question came on confirmation. Committee—Coun. Wilson and Gleason. Whole number of ballots 18, yeas 18, and the appointments were confirmed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JITNEY LICENSES.

Coun. MURRAY, for the Committee on jitney Licenses, submitted the following:

1. Report on petition of Boston Elevated Railway (referred today) to operate motor vehicles from Cambridge line to Scollay square between midnight and 6 a. m.—that license be granted.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I am sorry I was not paying attention and did not catch that. Do I understand, however, that this is a proposition to put through one more jitney line in the downtown business district?

Coun. MURRAY—No, sir. It is planned to run this jitney line from Cambridge through the West End to Scollay square, a midnight bus, from the hours of 12 at night to 6 in the morning. I think the councilor representing the district in which it runs might be best informed as to whether he thinks they need it or not.

Coun. WILSON—Perhaps the councilor from the West End is not around much between 12 midnight and 6 in the morning (laughter). Do I understand that the license specifies that this is night service, or is wide open?

President LYNCH—It is night service, between the hours of 12 midnight and 6 a. m.

At request of Coun. Wilson the clerk read the description of the route and the hours between which the vehicles are to be operated, as follows:

"Between the Cambridge-Boston line on Charles river dam and Scollay square, over Charles river dam, Leverett street, Nashua street, Causeway street, Portland street, Sudbury street, Court street, Scollay square, Cornhill, Adams square, Washington street, Haymarket square, Canal street, Causeway street, Nashua street, Leverett street, Charles river dam (Boston section of a route between Central square, Cambridge and Scollay square, Boston); to be operated between the hours of midnight and 6 a. m."

Coun. WILSON—Do I understand, Mr. President, that the restrictions as outlined here are to be maintained? Perhaps we can get the information from the clerk.

President LYNCH—The clerk informs the Chair that the license will be granted strictly in accordance with the terms quoted.

Coun. RUBY—Mr. President, I would like to ask the councilor from Ward 3 (Coun. Fitzgerald) a question, if he cares to answer it,—whether a part of the route in question will interfere with the contemplated improvement of the Charles River Basin, which I understand has been started or is immediately to start?

Coun. FITZGERALD—I would say to the councilor that I don't think it will.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

2. Report on petition of Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Company (referred today) to operate motor vehicles from Mattapan Station to Milton line—that license be granted.

Coun. MURRAY—Mr. President, I might say in regard to this report that the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Company now has a license to run street cars across the bridge to Mattapan and turn to the left on River street, and then stay there until they pick up their freight. I understand that they are asking for a change. Of course, their buses on the other side of the line, in Milton, have nothing to do with the City of Boston, and they are simply asking us for the privilege, instead of turning to the left, to turn to the right and go into the rapid transit station at Mattapan square. That, I believe will relieve congestion on Blue Hill avenue. The councilor

from that district can, I think, if desired, say a word as to how it affects his district.

Coun. NORTON—Mr. President, at the present time the situation is as the councilor has stated, at Mattapan square. We now have the new rapid transit Mattapan Station, and this change is intended to be worked out in connection with that (illustrating). We will say that this is the main thoroughfare, Blue Hill avenue. Over here is the Mattapan Station of the rapid transit. Instead of having the Mattapan car come here and stay here, say, for some time, blocking traffic, these buses are going to run into the Mattapan rapid transit area, coming in at this point. It will be a decided improvement from the standpoint of traffic. Therefore, I favor it.

Coun. RUBY—Mr. President, I would ask the chairman of the Jitney Committee whether the contemplated change meets with the approval of the Boston Elevated Railway Company?

Coun. MURRAY—Mr. President, I would say to the councilor that if he wants to get any more information he can call up the Boston Elevated.

Coun. RUBY—Mr. President, I resent the last part of the councilor's answer because, if the chairman of the Jitney Committee is not sincere, I am. I feel that, while this largely involves Ward 18, it also involves a part of the district represented by myself, and I wanted to make sure that I was voting for something upon which all the parties concerned were in accord,—because, if my memory serves me right, we have been asked in the past to pass on matters in which the Boston Elevated and the Eastern Massachusetts were at variance. I refer to the Hill Top street matter, out in Councilor Fish's district. So I think we want to be sure that the persons involved have at least agreed on a certain proposition before we are asked to vote on it.

Coun. MURRAY—Might I say, Mr. President, to Councilor Ruby, that our committee are ready at all times to hear all interests involved, and that we give a hearing to all parties interested?

Coun. FISH—Mr. President, I would like to ask a question. Are the Boston Elevated employees going to carry that bus into Mattapan or the Eastern Massachusetts employees?

Coun. MURRAY—The bus comes to about 90 feet from the bridge to the Elevated, and the Eastern Massachusetts will run the bus. That is satisfactory, I understand, also to the Boston Elevated employees' union.

Coun. NORTON—It was understood, Mr. President, that the Boston Elevated favored this idea, and it was also acceptable to the Boston Elevated union men.

Report accepted; license granted on usual conditions.

STANDING PASSENGERS ON JITNEYS.

Coun. GREEN called up assignment, viz:

3. An Ordinance Concerning Passengers on Jitneys.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Chapter thirty-nine of the Revised Ordinances of 1925 is hereby amended by striking out section one hundred and one, and inserting in place thereof the following:

Section 101. The license issued for each motor vehicle shall fix and specify its seating capacity, exclusive of the operator. Passengers in excess of twenty-five per cent above the seating capacity of such motor vehicle shall not be carried. Whenever the number of passengers applying for transportation exceeds the number hereinbefore provided for it shall be the duty of the licensee to furnish sufficient additional facilities to carry such passengers. No person operating or in charge of any such vehicle shall take on or suffer or permit more persons to ride or to be carried thereon at any one time than is authorized by this section, or permit any person to stand or sit upon any running board, steps, fender, dash or hood thereof, or permit any person to ride on such motor vehicle outside the body thereof; provided, however, that in addition to the number of passengers which said motor vehicle by the terms of this section is permitted to carry, children under seven years of age may be carried therein, in arms, or seated on the laps of adult persons accompanying them, but no passenger with a child in arms or seated on the lap shall be permitted on any front seat of the vehicle.

Coun. GREEN—Mr. President, two weeks ago

I presented this report of the Committee on Ordinances in reference to standees in the buses, and the councilor from Dorchester at that time moved that the matter be assigned. I would at this time call up the assignment and ask that this matter be referred to the Executive Committee.

The Council voted to refer No. 3 on the calendar to the Executive Committee.

SALARY OF PORTERS AT CITY HOSPITAL.

Coun. McGRATH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to add to the salaries of the ward porters employed at the hospital the sum of \$4.50 per week instead of allowing said porters to have meals at the expense of the city. This will bring their salaries up to \$28.50 per week, the amount on which their retirement deduction is based at the present time.

Coun. McGRATH—Mr. President, I might say in explaining this order that the men now employed as ward porters in the Boston City Hospital are appointed on a basis of \$28.50 a week less amount deducted for meals, and pay in, on a 4 per cent basis, \$1.14 a week to the Retirement Fund. On the average, these men eat from eight to ten meals there, while they are taxed for twenty-one meals. They want to waive the right to the meals and get the salary with which they are credited on the pay roll books, namely, \$28.50 a week.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

ROPING OFF CENTRE STREET.

Coun. MURRAY offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Messenger be authorized to rope off Centre street, Jamaica Plain, from Walden to Westerly street, on the occasion of the Michael J. O'Connell Post, American Legion, road race on April 19, 1930, the expense attending same to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Flags, Ropes and Stakes.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SULLIVAN SQUARE PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to replace the antiquated handball courts at the Sullivan Square Playground with two new wooden courts.

Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide in the 1930 budget a sum sufficient for an addition to the present locker building and the installation of additional shower baths therein, at the Sullivan Square Playground, Ward 2.

Ordered, That the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to arrange to keep open the locker building at the Sullivan Square Playground each day in the year until nine o'clock at night.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

LOCKER BUILDING, MARY HEMENWAY PLAYGROUND.

Coun. FISH offered the following:

Ordered, That the sum of twenty thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commission for the construction of a locker building at the Mary Hemenway Playground, Ward 16, and that to meet such expense the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, at the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to that amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

ROPING OFF STREETS FOR MARATHON RACE.

Coun. CURTIS offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Messenger be authorized to rope off such streets as may be necessary, as in former years, in connection with the Marathon race to be held on April 19, 1930, under the auspices of the Boston Athletic Association, the expense attending same to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Flags, Ropes and Stakes.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ABOLITION OF ISLAND AT EVERETT SQUARE.

Coun. NORTON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to abolish the island at Everett square, Hyde Park.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

WARD 10 IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. POWER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Parker street, from Heath to Centre street, Ward 10.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Chestnut avenue, from Boylston to Centre street, Jamaica Plain.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Wigglesworth street, from Huntington avenue to Tremont street, Ward 10.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ANNUITY TO WIDOW OF FRANK L. LYONS.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That an annuity of six hundred dollars be allowed and paid to the widow of Frank L. Lyons, late captain of the Boston Fire Department, such annuity to continue as long as said widow remains unmarried, and to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department, Pensions and Annuities.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

IMPROVEMENT OF ELM HILL PARK.

Coun. BUSH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to place the grounds in Elm Hill park in proper condition.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

Coun. BUSH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Elm Hill park, Ward 12.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

Adjourned at 4.23, on motion of Coun. GALLAGHER, to meet on Monday, April 7, 1930, at 2 p. m.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, April 7, 1930.

Regular meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President LYNCH in the chair. Absent, Coun. Dowd.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn under the law, Coun. RUBY presiding at the box in the absence of the Mayor, as follows:

Twenty-four traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, First Session, April Sitting, to appear May 5, 1930:

James W. Morris, Ward 1; George E. Silvey, Ward 1; James Kinsella, Ward 2; Joseph N. Orlandi, Ward 3; Patrick W. McNally, Ward 4; Morris Davis, Ward 8; Albert A. Miner, Ward 8; Peter Rose, Ward 9; William H. White, Ward 12; Charles E. Coakley, Ward 13; Thomas Hume, Ward 13; Joseph G. L. Lahive, Ward 13; Thomas A. Aylward, Ward 15; Luke William Condry, Ward 15; William H. Farrell, Ward 16; William D. McKenzie, Ward 16; William J. DeWinter, Ward 17; Arthur H. Burt, Ward 18; F. Henry Caffin, Ward 18; Philip G. Goff, Ward 19; Henry B. Knight, Ward 19; James T. Bjornson, Ward 20; Carl E. Rockstrom, Ward 20; Oliver A. Perrine, Ward 21.

Twenty-nine traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Second Session, April Sitting, to appear May 5, 1930:

Joseph A. Vitale, Ward 1; Frederick M. Finn, Ward 2; James P. Sullivan, Ward 3; William Turner, Ward 4; Edwin S. Pickert, Ward 5; Stanley H. Sinton, Ward 5; John Richard Davis, Ward 8; Francis X. Benson, Ward 9; Gustaf A. Gabrielson, Ward 11; John J. Hanley, Ward 11; George F. Kubler, Ward 11; John L. Lindroth, Ward 11; Albert Alexander Beder, Ward 12; David M. Cohen, Ward 12; Lester T. Fales, Ward 12; Patrick H. Brennan, Ward 13; Thomas B. McNeil, Ward 13; Fritz A. Johnson, Ward 16; Francis L. McInnis, Ward 16; August A. Nichols, Ward 18; Charles A. Wippermann, Ward 18; William T. Goodwin, Ward 19; Albert G. Hall, Ward 20; Francis G. Hegner, Ward 20; Walter Hebard, Ward 22; William Hickey, Ward 22; Michael Loughrey, Ward 22; John J. Markham, Ward 22; Charles H. O'Donnell, Ward 22.

Twenty-six traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Third Session, April Sitting, to appear May 5, 1930:

Louis Fiorentino, Ward 1; Anthony L. Frederick, Ward 1; Thomas F. Millerick, Ward 1; John Bowdren, Ward 2; Thomas H. Howe, Ward 4; Christopher G. Ross, Ward 4; Alfred E. Baker, Ward 5; James J. Shay, Ward 5; James T. Cogan, Ward 6; Daniel J. O'Neill, Ward 8; Daniel J. Daly, Ward 10; Frank J. Gately, Ward 11; Mayer Newman, Ward 12; David J. Bransfield, Ward 13; David H. Grandberg, Ward 14; Joseph M. Freer, Ward 14; Josef Flaschner, Ward 14; Edward F. Maloney, Ward 14; Abraham Markell, Ward 14; John Denner, Ward 18; George E. Fay, Ward 19; George F. Knapp, Ward 18; Joseph R. DeMers, Ward 20; John W. B. Ladd, Ward 20; John Marr, Ward 20; Harry O. Weber, Ward 20.

Twenty-nine traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Fourth Session, April Sitting, to appear May 5, 1930:

Arthur G. Dwelley, Ward 1; Timothy H. Gannon, Ward 1; John O'Hara, Ward 1; Justin E. Beliveau, Ward 2; Burt L. Otis, Ward 2; Herbert F. Hunt, Ward 4; Henry F. Brugnoli, Ward 7; Frank Johnson, Ward 7; Milo O. Bolton, Ward 8; Arthur W. Jones, Ward 8; Patrick H. O'Reilly, Ward 8; George R. Price, Ward 9; Maurice E. Pratt, Ward 10; Alfred E. Hermer,

Ward 11; Arthur J. Donohue, Ward 15; Frederick H. Frost, Ward 13; William J. O'Connor, Ward 13; Fred F. Elliott, Ward 17; Fritz Gross, Ward 18; Hugo E. Buttner, Ward 19; Samuel W. B. Hafford, Ward 20; Jean Jeton, Ward 20; William S. Park, Ward 20; Sidney J. True, Ward 20; James James, Ward 21; John H. Ryer, Ward 21; Milton Brown, Ward 22; Daniel J. Robles, Ward 22; Randall B. Williams, Ward 22.

Twenty-six travers jurors, Superior Civil Court, Fifth Session, April Sitting, to appear May 5, 1930:

Hugh McEleney, Ward 2; Winslow Whitman, Ward 3; William D. Chalker, Ward 5; Timothy J. Clifford, Ward 5; Samuel M. Felton, 3d, Ward 5; James E. McConnell, Ward 6; Frank F. Nolan, Ward 6; John J. Bowman, Ward 7; Daniel O'Neill, Ward 7; Joseph Rbilinger, Ward 7; Charles S. Johnson, Ward 9; Frank H. Muldowney, Ward 11; Floyd H. Ricker, Ward 11; John W. Norgrove, Ward 12; Barry W. Gifford, Ward 13; George P. F. Jones, Ward 13; Matthew Koleman, Ward 14; Samuel Trockman, Ward 14; John J. McCarthy, Ward 16; William F. Martin, Ward 17; George R. Haskell, Ward 18; John H. Gilbert, Ward 20; Clayton Sanborn, Ward 20; Frederick A. Sanford, Ward 20; Charles J. Popp, Ward 22; Anthony Timelege, Ward 22.

Twenty-nine traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Sixth Session, April Sitting, to appear May 5, 1930:

Francis Bartlett, Ward 1; Henry A. Ferreira, Ward 1; George C. Park, Ward 1; William F. Dubrau, Ward 3; William W. Murray, Ward 3; Harold E. Buckett, Ward 4; Frank I. Grove, Ward 4; Patrick P. Hickey, Ward 4; John J. O'Connor, Ward 4; Charles Cohen, Ward 5; Frederick T. Shurtleff, Ward 7; Frank Einis, Ward 11; Michael J. Hines, Ward 11; Thomas H. Pollard, Ward 11; Louis Sherman, Ward 12; Robert M. Taylor, Ward 12; Thomas J. L. McDonough, Ward 14; Charles A. Perkins, Ward 14; Archibald A. Galbraith, Ward 16; Albert S. Cushing, Ward 18; Eran G. Goodale, Ward 18; Thomas Bieg, Jr., Ward 19; Bernard M. Cronin, Ward 19; Edward F. Devlin, Ward 19; Edward A. Wurilitzer, Ward 19; Walter Gardner, Ward 20; Daniel Daly, Ward 22; Wallace A. Johnston, Ward 22; Joseph Neilson, Ward 22.

Twenty-nine traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Seventh Session, April Sitting, to appear May 5, 1930:

Henry L. Borgess, Ward 1; Joseph F. Gallagher, Ward 1; Thomas F. Hankard, Ward 1; Percy H. Mortimer, Ward 1; Martin H. King, Ward 5; William S. Ayer, Ward 6; Michael Egan, Ward 7; John Muldowney, Ward 8; William Grindrod, Ward 9; James Ford, Ward 10; Francis Patrick Griffin, Ward 10; Frank J. Kummel, Jr., Ward 10; Ivers J. A. Rutherford, Ward 10; James H. Holland, Ward 11; Albert R. Getchell, Ward 12; Morris Coven, Ward 14; Isidore Krassin, Ward 14; Isaac P. Caro, Ward 15; John P. McKinnon, Ward 17; Timothy J. Sullivan, Ward 17; Harold L. Bradley, Ward 18; James W. Scholpp, Ward 19; James S. Brebner, Ward 20; Chester F. Gibbons, Ward 20; John S. Ingham, Ward 20; Anthony W. Peters, Ward 20; Howard S. Royal, Ward 21; Stewart E. Hill, Ward 22; Joseph Warburton, Ward 22.

Thirty-one traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, First Session, to appear May 5, 1930:

Edward T. Lynch, Ward 1; Patrick J. Curran, Ward 1; Walter B. Kelly, Ward 1; John N. Barstow, Ward 2; Fred C. Grover, Ward 3; Alexander M. Cunningham, Ward 4; Martin F. Gavin, Ward 6; Thomas F. Fitzgerald, Ward 7; John J. McCarthy, Ward 7; Harry F. Loigee, Ward 10; Thomas P. Walsh, Ward 10; George A. McDonald, Ward 11; Peter J. Nullen, Ward 11; William B. Silver, Ward 11; John Oliver Grady, Ward 12; James O. Williams, Ward 12; Joseph Balkan, Ward 14; William R. Harrington, Ward 16; Joseph A. McKernan, Ward 16; John H. Pollack, Ward 16; Robert E. Bauch, Ward 18; William B. Kollock, Ward 18; Charles R. Mitton, Ward 18; Charles Egbert Perry, Ward 18; Nicholas Hertbel, Jr., Ward 19; George H. Williams, Ward 19; William H. Banks, Jr., Ward 20; Hiram W. Blanchard, Ward 20; Howard R. McCarter, Ward 20; George A. Sanford, Ward 20; Edward Lennon, Ward 22.

Thirty-one traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, Fourth Session, to appear May 5, 1930:

Michael Gleason, Jr., Ward 1; John F. Hartnett, Ward 1; Daniel H. Hurley, Ward 2; Matthew McGrath, Ward 2; James Roche, Ward 2; John B. McNamara, Ward 2; Jacob Goldberg, Ward 3; William L. Carlton, Ward 5; Charles C. Dunn, Ward 7; Emile Aries, Ward 8; Patrick J. Higgins, Ward 8; Samuel Burdett, Ward 9; Theodore J. Boebel, Ward 10; Joseph A. Moritz, Ward 10; Benjamin J. Tynion, Ward 10; Thomas W. Rivers, Ward 11; Edward C. Bellows, Ward 12; Arthur J. O'Neill, Ward 13; Albert E. Sweeney, Ward 13; William B. Earley, Ward 15; Elmer C. Gould, Ward 18; Henry Horn, Ward 18; Frank E. Hubbell, Ward 18; Arthur L. Russell, Ward 18; Gorham E. Stanford, Ward 18; Ralph S. Miller, Ward 19; Harry W. Pearson, Ward 19; Richard A. Tobin, Ward 19; Arthur H. Dickey, Ward 20; Robert L. Hunter, Ward 20; Nelson C. Fales, Ward 21.

INSTRUCTORS AT DORCHESTER PARK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 7, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, Chairman of the Park Commission, relative to placing instructors at Dorchester Park. This is in reply to your order passed March 24, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, April 4, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I have your letter of April 2 with inclosure, order from City Council that the Park Commissioner, through his Honor the Mayor, be requested to arrange that a section of Dorchester Park be made a supervised playground. In former years the School Department had teachers there supervising the play of the smaller children. On account of the lonesomeness of the area, these teachers were removed.

This department has not enough instructors to take care of all the playgrounds in the city and arrangements have been made to take care of as many of the larger playgrounds as possible. On account of the conditions at Dorchester Park, it will be impossible to have a male instructor there this year, but I will try and obtain teachers from the School Department to take care of the smaller children.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

Placed on file.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS, SOLDIERS FIELD ROAD.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 7, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Thomas F. Sullivan, Acting Traffic Commissioner, relative to installing traffic signals at Soldiers Field road. This is in reply to your order passed March 24, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, April 3, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I return herewith orders from the City Council requesting the installation of automatic traffic signals at the intersections of Soldiers Field road, Western avenue, Cambridge street and North Harvard street.

There is no question but that these are very dangerous intersections but the situation has been created entirely by the construction of Soldiers Field road by the Metropolitan District Commission. The only way in which pedestrians and

motorists can safely cross these intersections is by the installation of automatic traffic signals, and it seems to me that the Metropolitan District Commission should pay for their installation, as there was no traffic problem at these points previous to the construction of this new automobile race track. Therefore, I do not believe the City of Boston should be compelled to assume this expense.

Respectfully yours,
T. F. SULLIVAN,
Acting Commissioner.

Placed on file.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS, WARD 22.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 7, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Thomas F. Sullivan, Acting Traffic Commissioner, relative to installing traffic signals at Market street and North Beacon street, Market street and Washington street, Western avenue and North Harvard street, and Market street and Western avenue. This is in reply to your orders passed March 24, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, April 3, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I return herewith orders from the City Council requesting the installation of automatic traffic signals at the intersection of Market street and North Beacon street, Washington street and Western avenue and the intersection of Western avenue and North Harvard street.

The Traffic Commission is making a study of the most necessary locations for installation of automatic traffic signals and the locations mentioned will be given careful consideration in making up this list within the authorized appropriation.

Respectfully yours,
T. F. SULLIVAN,
Acting Commissioner.

Placed on file.

ANNUAL LIST OF CONSTABLES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 7, 1930.
To the City Council.

Subject to confirmation by your honorable body, I hereby appoint the following-named persons constables of the City of Boston for the term of one year, beginning with the first day of May, 1930.

All of the persons named in this list are reappointments.

Commissions of constables not named herein will expire on April 30, 1930, and such constables are hereby removed from office from and after May 1, 1930, for the good of the service.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

CONNECTED WITH OFFICIAL POSITIONS AND TO SERVE WITHOUT BONDS.

John A. Anderson, Philip J. Brennan, William W. K. Campbell, John D. Carmody, John M. Casey, John B. Cassidy, Martin F. Cavanagh, John F. Coffey, Frederick A. Cronin, Andrew B. DeCourcy, Barney C. DeLuca, James J. Dolan, Charles E. Dowd, John F. Egan, Joseph W. Ferris, Michael J. Field, Walter D. Flynn, Joseph Fucillo, John H. Glennon, Gabriel Grappocio, John Graumann, James V. Hartrey, Dennis J. Hickey, Harris Hirschberg, Joseph W. Hobbs, William A. Kelley, John T. Kelly, Lawrence J. Kelly, Samuel Koupchik, Frederick K. Lawrence, Edward J. Leary, John J. Linehan, John H. Logue, Henry Loughray, Frederick J. Lundy, Patrick J. Monahan, Emery D. Morgan, Vincenzo Musto, George A. Nelson, Timothy F. Regan, Edward M. Richardson, Peter Salem, Frank B. Skelton, Thomas H. Staples, John J. Sullivan, John T. Thornell, James J. Twobig, Jr., Rudolph F. Watson.

With Animal Rescue League.

Julian Codman, Frederick O. Houghton, Archibald C. McDonald, Frank J. Sullivan.

With Massachusetts S. P. C. T. A.

Harry L. Allen.

AUTHORIZED TO SERVE CIVIL PROCESS UPON
FILING BONDS.

Louis L. Alden, Julius Ansel, Alexander A. Ardolino, John S. Avramides, William J. Baker, Herbert A. Barron, Daniel J. Barry, John J. Bavis, David Belson, Joseph L. Bennett, Aleck Berg, Carl Birger Berg, Jacob Bergson, George W. Bloomberg, George A. Borofski, John H. Brady, Thomas F. Brett, Charles B. Broad, George W. Brooker, Francis E. Brown, Warren A. Brown, Louis Budd, John H. Burke, Henry P. Burns, James M. Burr, Sherman H. Calderwood, Edgar F. Callahan, James A. Canton, Daniel B. Carmody, Thomas C. Carr, Matthew W. Chait, William K. Coburn, William F. Cogan, Lewis R. Cohen, Louis Cohen, William A. Collupy, James L. Combs, William S. Copper, Samuel Coulter, Dwight Cummings, Joseph P. Cutter, Henry G. Dahlquist, Louis Davis, William Davis, Henry C. DeAngelis, John J. Dillon, George G. Drew, Charles W. Duran, James S. Duval, Louis Ebb, Joseph F. Ecker, William E. Elton, David Epstein, Shepard S. Epstein, John M. Fabins, Daniel E. Fallon, Joseph H. Faucy, Thomas Fee, Joseph E. Ferreira, William H. Flynn, Peter C. Foy, Thomas Freedman, Harris Friedberg, Henry A. Gagin, William J. Galley, John T. Galvin, Paul R. Gast, George L. Gilbert, Henry J. Gilmore, Arthur Glass, Maurice J. Glick, Louis Goldberg, Samuel Goldkrand, Samuel Goldmeer, Samuel Goldsmith, Myer Goldstein, Joseph M. Goode, Samuel Gordon, Edmund C. Grady, John S. Grady, Joseph Granara, Sears H. Grant, Salvatore Grassa, George W. Green, Harry Greenbaum, William C. Gregory, William C. Griffin, Charles F. Hale, St. Clair E. Hale, John F. Halligan, Albert M. Harding, James P. Hayes, John D. Hayes, Abraham M. Hecht, Simon Hirshon, Walter H. Holland, John H. Howard, William A. Iannone, Jacob Isgur, Walter Isidor, Charles H. Jackson, Max Jacobs, William J. Johnson, Harry Kahn, Moses F. Kalish, Henry A. Kamp, David Kaplan, James Kaplan, David Keller, Patrick A. Kelly, William H. Kenney, James S. Kiernan, Thomas J. Killian, Thomas H. King, Otto Kohl, Bronis Kontrim, Mark H. Krafur, Abraham Krinsky, Joseph Labagnara, Martin J. Leggett, George Leary, John J. Levy, Allen Libby, Philip E. Lieberman, Antonio Longarini, Walter M. Lougee, William H. Lynch, William W. Lyons, Frank J. Macchia, Salvatore Maffei, Bernard H. Magee, William P. Maginnis, John J. Mahoney, Leslie P. Mann, Russell T. Mann, John A. Manning, Isie Martin, John A. May, James McDonough, William P. McGuinness, William H. McInerney, Anthony D. McMan, Arthur McNeil, James I. Mede, Charles R. Mennella, William P. Miles, John Milgroom, John J. Miller, Alfred R. Mitchell, William J. Mitchell, David G. Moran, John F. Mulhern, Andrew W. Murphy, Henry L. Murphy, Patrick H. Murphy, Elmer S. Nyman, Edward Ober, Michael W. Ober, James E. O'Brien, Jerome E. O'Brien, Daniel F. O'Connor, William T. J. O'Mally, Joseph J. O'Mara, Phillip S. Phillips, Leonard M. Pike, John J. Piscatelli, James A. Quinn, Archibald W. Reedy, Robert Reid, Edward A. Reynolds, Bartholomew F. Roach, Abraham Rosenberg, Nathan E. Rosenberg, Hyman Rossmann, Robert E. Scott, Samuel Semiansky, Samuel Shain, Frank Shaw, John F. Shea, Leo J. Shea, Michael J. Shields, Sidney J. Sheinfeld, Isaac Shulman, Abraham S. Singer, Henry J. D. Small, Leon Small, George C. Souther, Lewis C. Speare, Israel Spector, John J. Stanton, Henry D. Stetson, John Sualich, Frederick P. Sullivan, Jerome Suvalle, Benjamin J. Tackeff, David Tobey, Francis J. Tobin, Joseph Todisco, Joseph M. Torr, Rudolph L. Trent, Jeremiah A. Twomey, Aberr Uckerman, Roman J. Vasil, John J. Walsh, James H. Waugh, Harry A. Webber, Joseph M. Weinberg, Joseph Weiner, William Weingarten, Abraham I. Weiss, John F. Welch, Karl H. West, Richard W. Whipple, John S. Woods, Max Wortsman, John A. Wrang, Louis Yacker, Maurice Zeeman, Max Zimmerman.

Laid over for one week under the law.

CHILDREN'S PAVILION, CITY HOSPITAL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 7, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—The Trustees of the Boston City Hospital have informed me that they are in need of additional funds for the construction of the children's pavilion. I submit herewith report of the visiting physician in charge of children's diseases and communication from Superintendent Dowling to the chairman of the Board of Trustees.

In the order submitted to your honorable body under date of January 20, 1930, provision was made for a four-story building, with foundation to permit of an increased height to provide for the medical and surgical needs of the children admitted for treatment at the Boston City Hospital.

The original estimate was for \$324,000. It is now deemed wise to erect an eight-story rather than a four-story structure and \$248,000 additional will be necessary to make the change as recommended.

I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying orders.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Hospital Department, April 3, 1930.

Dear Mr. Manning,—I am inclosing herewith a typical floor plan for the proposed Children's Pavilion at this Hospital, for which his Honor, Mayor Curley, has appropriated \$324,000. You may remember that it was our original intention to erect a four-story building, with foundations sufficiently strong to go higher, for medical children, and then house the surgical children in the surgical building when it is constructed next year.

In talking the matter over with Doctor English, he believes it would be wiser, as do I, to house all children under fourteen in one pavilion. For this purpose it would be necessary to construct an eight-story building. By tearing down old Wards A and E there is more than sufficient land, so that we would have splendid sunlight and air on both sides. To build an eight-story building, however, James H. Ritchie and Associates estimate that the cost will be approximately \$572,000; so that it would be necessary to obtain the difference between \$324,000 and \$572,000, or approximately \$248,000. Half of this, as you know, would be provided within the tax limit, and the other half outside. The basement plans are blocked out, and it is proposed that we have a solarium on the roof, so that Mr. Ritchie is ready to proceed with the work and have it on the market in the near future. As the Trustees have already agreed to the idea of an eight-story building it would be necessary to request his Honor the Mayor for the difference.

Mr. Ritchie is ready to proceed with the plans either way, and would like an early answer.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN J. DOWLING, M. D.,
Superintendent.

City of Boston,
Hospital Department, March 6, 1930.
John J. Dowling, M. D., Superintendent,
Boston City Hospital.

Dear Doctor,—At your request I am submitting my opinion as to the proper and most efficient solution for the management of the admission and the care of the children admitted to the Boston City Hospital, exclusive of infants born in the maternity wards.

Children admitted to the hospital come in the ambulance or are admitted from the Out-Patient Department or from the accident floor. The admissions comprise the various divisions of the diseases of children such as surgical, medical, eye, ear, nose or throat, dermatological and neurological, the vast majority being surgical and medical, the combined numbers of admissions for the remainder not totaling either of the former.

The communicable diseases, such as diphtheria, scarlet fever, measles, mumps, whooping cough, chicken pox, German measles and tuberculosis are a very important and integral part of disease incidence of the first ten to fifteen years of life, a great many of the organic defects of adolescence and adult life having had their origin in one or more of the above diseases, such as valvular heart disease, Bright's disease or tuberculosis, the latter often arising from the broncho-pneumonia

of measles or whooping cough. As a consequence, it is the duty, obligation and absolute necessity of every hospital (non-contagious) that admits children, to utilize every effort and means to prevent the admission of the same.

Every child is potentially a communicable disease, there being scarcely a child in such a large city as Boston who has not had at least one or more of these contagious diseases.

At present medical science has discovered only one preventive measure for these diseases, that is, the toxin-antitoxin for diphtheria, which has decreased the incidence of diphtheria in this city to a very low degree. There are no specific preventive measures for the others of this group and consequently extreme precautions must be taken to prevent scarlet fever, measles and the like from being admitted to the wards. Sometimes children with medical or surgical conditions are admitted who are in the incubation period of some one of these diseases, who later in their hospital stay present the disease.

Accordingly, it is my feeling that all children admitted to a large hospital whose exposure to some communicable disease is unknown, should be managed in one central building, from a central admitting section, and should have a careful, complete examination of the child with a view to the possibility and probability of finding some communicable disease or with the view to the probable exposure of the same.

For the past six years no child has been admitted to Ward I of the children's wards until he has been examined by the resident physician of the Pediatric Service or one of the pediatric internes, no matter what the admitting diagnosis had been, and as a result a communicable disease was often-times detected and the child not admitted with it.

Previous to the formation of the Pediatric Service the children were admitted to the various wards of the hospital, which were often quarantined from a few days to a few weeks, because of one or more of these contagious diseases.

It has been my experience that the vast majority of the children who have had some communicable disease on entrance or later contracted it from an outside or inside exposure, have been among the children admitted with some surgical, ear, nose and throat, or dermatological condition.

If children are to be admitted to separate buildings or wards in separate buildings set apart for a surgical and nose and throat condition, and the like, you undoubtedly will have those ward buildings under quarantine many times during the year, in other words making conditions the same as they were when the children were admitted to the various wards in separate buildings of former times.

From my own personal knowledge and experience, both from the standpoint of the child and the hospital, not eliminating the cost of more than one building or a section of another building, and from the standpoint of the facility of management and its expense, such as a single diet kitchen and laboratory, chemical laboratory, room for personnel, transportation, etc., one single building for all the children offers the best solution of the management and care of the children of the Boston City Hospital.

Summary.

1. One single building for children affords:
 - (a) Unified executive management.
 - (b) A unified organization (different services).
 - (c) Less expense (rather than 2 buildings or a section or sections of another).
 - (d) A single admitting service (important).
 - (e) Better detection and control of communicable diseases (important).
 - (f) Simplifies transportation.
 - (g) Simplifies complete segregation from adults.
 - (h) Promotes better cooperation and condensation of the different services (surgical, medical, ear, nose, throat, etc.).
 - (i) Adequate provision for future bed capacity (important).

Respectfully submitted,
M. J. ENGLISH, M. D.

Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 237 of the Acts of 1928 an additional sum of \$124,000 be, and the same hereby is, appropriated to be expended under the direction of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital for Children's Pavilion, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 237 of the Acts of 1928 an additional sum of \$124,000 be, and the same hereby is, appropriated to be expended under the direction of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital for Children's Pavilion, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount, the same to be issued outside the limit of indebtedness.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

DELAY ON HIGHWAY LOAN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 7, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen.—The order pending before your honorable body providing an appropriation in the sum of \$500,000 for Highways, Making of, was submitted during the time that legislation was pending authorizing the city to expend an amount in excess of the sum which has been allowed each year in the past, namely, \$1,000,000, for sewerage works.

There is reasonable certainty that the Legislature may look with favor upon the request submitted authorizing an expenditure in the sum of \$1,000,000 for highways, and in that event the sum of \$1,000,000, which has already been made available for sewerage works, would be insufficient to do the necessary work required, in the event that the major street program becomes effective.

Accordingly I respectfully request that your honorable body defer action upon the order providing an appropriation in the sum of \$500,000 for Highways, Making of, so that, in the event the Legislature approves the major program, a new order may be submitted to the Council for an appropriation in such sum as may be necessary to care for sewerage works in connection with Highways, Making of.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Edgar P. Benjamin, for compensation for damage to property at 31 and 33 Kempton street, caused by bursting of water main.

Charles F. Clinton, for compensation for loss of hens killed by dogs.

Catherine Corbett, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 118 Dartmouth street.

Rachel Davis, for compensation for damage to property at 75 Bromley street, caused by city truck.

Peter Giambra, for compensation for damage to property at 16 Liverpool street, East Boston, caused by broken sewer pipe.

Consiglio & Michael Giaria, for compensation for damage to property at 89 Prince street, caused by city men.

Susie Grace, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 12 Upton street.

Wright P. Hewitt, for compensation for damage to car by city car.

Mrs. Betty Kraper, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Eaton street.

J. J. McCarthy & Co., to be compensated for work done on Boston street.

George S. Lucas, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 685 Beacon street.

Renato Rho, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Nellie B. Ryder, for compensation for loss of business caused by repairing Cambridge street, Allston.

Morris Wertheim, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Central and Broad streets.

Curtis Woolf, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 690 Blue Hill avenue.

Executive.

Petition for children under fifteen years of age to appear at place of public amusement, viz.:
Lulu Philbrook, Jordan Hall, May 22.

Committee on Jitney Licenses.

Petition of Boston Elevated Railway Company to operate motor vehicles between junction of Atlantic avenue and State street and the Fish Pier, over Atlantic avenue, Summer street, Viaduct and Ramp, D street, Northern avenue.

Petition of Boston Elevated Railway Company to operate motor vehicles between South Station and the United States Army Base via Summer street.

Petition of Boston Elevated Railway Company to operate motor vehicles between North Station and South Station over Causeway, Canal, Washington, Devonshire, State, Congress, Milk, Federal streets and Dewey square; returning over Dewey square, Federal, Milk, Congress, Exchange streets, Adams square, Washington, Canal, Travers and Portland streets.

SECOND ASSISTANT ASSESSOR.

Notice was received from Edward T. Kelly, chairman of Board of Assessors, of appointment of Frank S. Wilson, 400 Marlborough street, as a second assistant assessor for period of forty days.
Placed on file.

NOTICE OF INTEREST IN CONTRACT.

Notice was received from Joseph A. Tomasello, member of the Board of Appeal, of interest in contract of A. G. Tomasello & Son, Inc., of which corporation he is an officer, in contract with City of Boston for concrete bleachers, grading, etc., Columbus Park.
Placed on file.

CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS.

Notice was received from his Honor the Mayor of designation of Frank Seiberlich as chairman of the Board of Election Commissioners, effective April 1, 1930.
Placed on file.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Notice was received of the following appointments by the Mayor:

Joseph A. Conry, 60 Rockwood street, Jamaica Plain, to be Traffic Commissioner, for term ending April 30, 1934.

Edward T. Kelly, 273 Arborway, member of Board of Assessors, for term ending March 31, 1933, he being designated by Mayor as chairman of said Board.

Helen A. Macdonald, 1 New Heath street, to be an Election Commissioner, for term ending March 31, 1934.

James A. McElaney, 53 Greateon road, West Roxbury, to be member of Board of Appeal, for term ending April 30, 1932.

Placed on file.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF JAMES R. GIBSON.

Notice was received from the Commissioners of Civil Service of approval of appointment of James R. Gibson, 65 Long Wharf, Boston, to position of Member of the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

Placed on file.

QUARTERS FOR STATISTICS DEPARTMENT AND "CITY RECORD."

Coun. FITZGERALD offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Buildings be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide suitable quarters in the City Hall Annex for the Statistics Department and the *City Record*, in place of their present unfavorable location in the old City Hall.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION.

Coun. GLEASON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Cabot street, both sides, from Tremont street to Linden Park street, Ward 9, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

WARD 14 IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. RUBY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an electric arc lamp at the corner of Bradshaw street and Esmond street, Ward 14.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept as a public highway Jacobs street, Ward 14.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

TENNIS COURTS, FRANKLIN FIELD.

Coun. RUBY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to place the tennis courts on Franklin Field in proper condition for playing.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

WARD 19 IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. MURRAY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Winchester road, Ward 19, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving, Oakdale street, Ward 19.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving, Spring Park avenue, Ward 19.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving, Lamartine street, from Green to Mozart street, Ward 19.

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to plant trees on Pond View avenue, Ward 19.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

REPAVING OF MOZART STREET.

Coun. MURRAY and POWER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Mozart street, Wards 10 and 19.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

WARD 10 IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. POWER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Gay Head street, Ward 10.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Stockwell street, Ward 10.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Mission street, from Huntington avenue to Stockwell street, Ward 10.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Coun. MAHONEY, for the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, submitted report recommending passage of order for payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the City of Boston for month of April, 1930.

Report accepted; said order passed.

RECESS.

The Council voted, at 2.50 p. m., on motion of Coun. BUSH, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order at 4.50 p. m.

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

President LYNCH called up, under unfinished business, Nos. 1 and 2 on the calendar, viz.:

1. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor March 31, 1930, of Nathan E. Rosenberg, John T. Galvin and William W. Lyons, to be Constables.

2. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor March 31, 1930, of Ethel Pass, to be a Weigher of Coal, and William F. Warren to be a Weigher of Goods.

The question came on confirmation. Committee, Coun. Fish and Englert. Whole number of ballots, 15; yeas 15, and the appointments were confirmed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. MAHONEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred March 31) accepting devise and bequest of Mary P. C. Cummings of house and land in city of Woburn and land and building at 53 North Market street, Boston—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed.

2. Report on petition (referred today) for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement, viz.:

Lulu Philbrook, Jordan Hall, May 22—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted under usual conditions.

INDORSEMENT OF ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S ACTION.

Coun. KELLY offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council heartily indorses the actions of the Attorney-General of our Commonwealth and his assistants in their attempt to correct certain alleged evils that existed in the Police Department of the City of Boston.

Coun. KELLY—Mr. President, as we all know, certain officers are under investigation by our Attorney-General. We, as the City Council of the City of Boston, the governing body of this city, should lend our moral support to this investigation, which, dealing with the law-enforcing department of this city, concerns every one of us in our homes. We all know that the Police Commissioner is inefficient, that Officer Garrett has been accused of taking graft, and that testimony has been presented showing that he has taken graft, and that he has protected places of ill repute and of evil resort against which he was supposed to have defended our people. So I think we ought to go on record in this matter. Furthermore, I think we all ought to be in sympathy with action looking towards making it impossible for such an officer as Garrett to receive a pension which is paid for by the taxpayers of Boston. I hope and trust, therefore, that this resolution will be passed, under suspension of the rule.

President LYNCH—The Chair will rule that the resolution will be referred to the Committee on Rules. If the gentleman wishes he can move to suspend the rules.

Coun. KELLY—Mr. President, I move a suspension of the rule and passage of the resolution.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I was not listening as attentively as I might have been, and I am not sure just how the resolution reads. I do not wish to place myself on record with regard to the guilt or innocence of any man until the matter has been properly presented and passed upon by a judge or jury. No matter what the newspapers may say, a man is entitled to his day in court. I understand, however, that the resolution merely compliments the Attorney-General on his efforts to find what the real facts are. If so, that is all right. If it goes farther than that, and if it prejudices any case, I could not vote for it under suspension of the rule.

(The resolution was read for information.)

Coun. FITZGERALD—Mr. President, if I understand correctly, that resolution mentions nobody, does not give any names?

President LYNCH—Merely refers to the Attorney-General.

Coun. FITZGERALD—Well, that is all right, the Attorney-General.

The rule was declared not suspended. Coun. KELLY doubted the vote.

The rule was suspended by a rising vote, and the resolution was passed.

Coun. GALLAGHER—Mr. President, I would ask the consent of the Council to make a statement in reference to this resolution. I personally am of the opinion that we should not meddle in this affair at all. The Attorney-General and his assistants are looking after the matter, as we all know, and I don't think it concerns the Council at this time at all. What do we know about what is going on up there, other than what we read? These men are not being tried before a jury, and, if the facts warrant, the case will undoubtedly later go before a jury, who can take care of it. But it is not for us to take action in the matter at this time. I know nothing personally wrong about these men, other than what I have been reading. But I don't think it is fair for us to enter into the thing at this time. If anything wrong is proven, well and good. Let us act when the facts are clearly brought out. But until that time, I don't think this matter concerns the Council.

Coun. KELLY—Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to make a statement.

President LYNCH—Proceed, councillor.

Coun. KELLY—I think, Mr. President, the matter of charges against the Police Department of our city is certainly our business, and I think the councillor from Brighton misconstrues my resolution. I agree that the Attorney-General is conducting this investigation as it should be conducted, and I feel that it is certainly our business, where there is vice and corruption in a department that is supposed to be protecting us and our citizens in Boston, a department whose bills are paid by the citizens of Boston, to interest ourselves as is suggested by this resolution.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS.

Coun. McGRATH, for the Committee on Public Lands, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred January 27) for sale of property known as Old Armory Building, 150 and 152 Maverick street, East Boston, containing 4,337 square feet of land, at upset price of \$5,000—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed, yeas 19, nays 0.

2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred April 7) that property formerly in use by Police Department as Station No. 8 be sold at public auction at upset price equal to the land value of \$29,000—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed, yeas 19, nays 0.

LOAN FOR MAKING OF HIGHWAYS.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, do I understand that No. 3 on the calendar has been acted upon?

(No. 3 on the calendar, under unfinished business, is as follows:

3. Ordered, That the sum of \$500,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated for Highways, Making of, under the provisions of chapter 393 of the Acts of 1906, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

On March 24, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 18, nays 0.)

President LYNCH—For the information of the councilor from Dorchester, I would say that earlier in the session a message from the Mayor was read asking that this order be laid on the table pending action on the bill before the Legislature proposing the expenditure of \$10,000,000 on a street program in the City of Boston.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, the only reason why I called the attention of the Council to this matter is to point out the inadvisability of passing any financial order here immediately upon its introduction, under suspension of the rules. According to my recollection, the body gave this order its first reading and passage under suspension of the rule for the ostensible purpose of relieving unemployment, instead of having it sent to the Committee on Finance, where it belonged.

IMPROVEMENTS IN WARD 18.

Coun. NORTON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners, through his Honor the Mayor, be requested to accept and lay out the following streets in Ward 18:

A street, Hyde Park.

Acton street, Hyde Park.

Adams avenue, Hyde Park.

Adams street, Hyde Park.

Agnes avenue, Hyde Park.

Alabama street, Dorchester.

Albemarle street, Hyde Park.

Allen street, Hyde Park.

Alpheus road, West Roxbury.

Alpine street, Hyde Park.

Arnold street, Hyde Park.

Asheville road, Hyde Park.

Astoria street, Dorchester.

Atherton avenue, West Roxbury.

Avander court, Dorchester.

Baker street, Hyde Park.

Baldwin street, Hyde Park.

Banfield avenue, Dorchester.

Barry place, Hyde Park.

Bates street, West Roxbury.

Beech street, West Roxbury.

Belnel road, Hyde Park.

Bismarck street, Dorchester.

Blanchard street, Hyde Park.

Border road, Hyde Park.

Bradstreet avenue, West Roxbury.

Bridge street, West Roxbury.

Buckingham street, Hyde Park.

Burmah street, Dorchester.

Cedar street, West Roxbury.

Charme avenue, West Roxbury.

Chester park, Dorchester.

Chester street, Dorchester.

Church street, Hyde Park.

Clarendon avenue, West Roxbury.

Clarendon court, West Roxbury.

Clarendon park, West Roxbury.

Coleman street, Hyde Park.

Collins street, Dorchester.

Colorado street, Dorchester.

Cook terrace, Dorchester.

Coronado road, Hyde Park.

Cottage place, Hyde Park.

Cottage street, Hyde Park.

Cross street, Hyde Park.

Curley street, West Roxbury.

Dacy street, Hyde Park.

Damrell avenue, Hyde Park.

Dania street, Dorchester.

Deforest street, Hyde Park.

Delhi street, Dorchester.

Dell terrace, Hyde Park.

Doone avenue, Dorchester.

Durant road, Hyde Park.

Duxbury road, Dorchester.

Eastern avenue, Hyde Park.

Edgewater drive, Dorchester.

Edith street, Hyde Park.

Elene street, Dorchester.

Eliot avenue, Hyde Park.

Elm place, Hyde Park.

Emmet street, Hyde Park.

Erie street, Hyde Park.

Factory street, Hyde Park.

Fairmount terrace, Hyde Park.

Favre street, Dorchester.

Floral place, Hyde Park.

Folsom street, Hyde Park.

Forest street, Hyde Park.

Frazer street, Hyde Park.

Freeland street, Dorchester.

Freemont place, Dorchester.

Friendship road, Hyde Park.

Fulton street, Hyde Park.

Gilman street, West Roxbury.

Glenhill road, Dorchester.

Glenwood place, Hyde Park.

Grandview street, West Roxbury.

Grant street, Hyde Park.

Granville street, West Roxbury.

Greenwood circle, Hyde Park.

Grew avenue, West Roxbury.

Groveland street, Dorchester.

Halborn street, Dorchester.

Hallowell street, Dorchester.

Hammatt road, West Roxbury.

Hautevale street, West Roxbury.

Haven avenue, Dorchester.

Hawthorne street, Hyde Park.

Hebron street, Dorchester.

Henrici street, Dorchester.

Hilburn street, West Roxbury.

Hillside avenue, West Roxbury.

Hillside street, Hyde Park.

Hopewell road, Hyde Park.

Hopkins place, Dorchester.

Irving street, Hyde Park.

Itasca street, Dorchester.

Jeffers street, West Roxbury.

Jefferson street, Hyde Park.

Kennebec street, Dorchester.

Kittredge terrace, West Roxbury.

Knight street, Hyde Park.

Lakeside avenue, Hyde Park.

Lawn street, West Roxbury.

Le Fevre street, Hyde Park.

Linden avenue, Hyde Park.

Linden street, Hyde Park.

Littledale street, West Roxbury.

Livermore street, Dorchester.

Liverside way, Dorchester.

Lodgehill road, Hyde Park.

Loring place, Hyde Park.

Madison street, Hyde Park.

Magee street, Hyde Park.

Malta street, Dorchester.

Manchester street, Dorchester.

Manila avenue, Hyde Park.

Manning street, West Roxbury.

Mansfield street, West Roxbury.

Margin street, Hyde Park.

Mattapan street, Dorchester.

McDonough court, Hyde Park.

Menton street, Dorchester.

Milton square, Hyde Park.

Moody street, West Roxbury.

Mulvey street, Dorchester.

Nelson street, Hyde Park.

Neponset avenue, Hyde Park.

New Bedford street, Hyde Park.

Newburn street, West Roxbury.

Nott street, Hyde Park.

Oak place, Hyde Park.

Oakland place, Dorchester.

Oakwood street, Hyde Park.

Orchard street, Hyde Park.

Orlando street, Dorchester.

Otis place, West Roxbury.

Owen street, Dorchester.

Page street, Hyde Park.

Parker street, Hyde Park.

Parrott street, Hyde Park.

Perkins avenue, Hyde Park.

Peters street, West Roxbury.

Pine terrace, Hyde Park.

Pinewood street, Hyde Park.

Pleasantview street, Dorchester.

Radford place, Hyde Park.

Raleigh road, Hyde Park.

Randolph road, Dorchester.

Ransom road, Dorchester.

Rich street, Dorchester.
 Richards avenue, West Roxbury.
 Richmond road, Dorchester.
 Ridge road, Dorchester.
 Riverside place, Dorchester.
 Roanoke road, Hyde Park.
 Rock road, Dorchester.
 Rockingham road, Dorchester.
 Rockway street, Dorchester.
 Rosebery road, Dorchester.
 Rowe place, West Roxbury.
 Royal road, Dorchester.
 Ruffing street, Hyde Park.
 Ruskin road, Hyde Park.
 Rutledge road, Hyde Park.
 Ruxton road, Dorchester.
 Savannah avenue, Dorchester.
 Sefton street, Dorchester.
 Seminole street, Dorchester.
 Shepard court, Hyde Park.
 Shirley road, Hyde Park.
 Sprague place, Hyde Park.
 Stanley street, Hyde Park.
 Starbird avenue, West Roxbury.
 Stark avenue, Hyde Park.
 Station street, Hyde Park.
 Stella road, West Roxbury.
 Stoughton avenue, Hyde Park.
 Stow road, Dorchester.
 Summit street, West Roxbury.
 Sunnyside avenue, Hyde Park.
 Sutton street, West Roxbury.
 Tampa street, Dorchester.
 Tchaptoulas street, Hyde Park.
 Tennis road, Dorchester.
 Tesla street, Dorchester.
 Tina avenue, Hyde Park.
 Tiverton road, Dorchester.
 Tokio street, Dorchester.
 Tracton avenue, Hyde Park.
 Upton street, Hyde Park.
 Vanderbilt avenue, Hyde Park.
 Vaughan street, Hyde Park.
 Vernon street, Hyde Park.
 Violante street, Dorchester.
 Wabash street, Dorchester.
 Walnut place, Hyde Park.
 Washington Street place, Hyde Park.
 Way street, Hyde Park.
 Weeks avenue, West Roxbury.
 Welles street, West Roxbury.
 Weston street, Hyde Park.
 Westville road, Hyde Park.
 Weybosset street, Dorchester.
 Whitney park, Dorchester.
 Wilton street, Hyde Park.
 Winter street, Hyde Park.
 Woodland place, Hyde Park.
 Woodland road, Hyde Park.
 Woodland street, Hyde Park.
 Woodlawn avenue, Dorchester.
 Wyman street, West Roxbury.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners, through his Honor the Mayor, be requested to accept and lay out the following streets in Ward 18:

Almont terrace, Dorchester.
 Ashville path, Hyde Park.
 Atherton avenue, Hyde Park.
 Atherton road, West Roxbury.
 Averbuch terrace, Hyde Park.
 Baker street, Hyde Park.
 Bald Knob road, Hyde Park.
 Bates street, Hyde Park.
 Bauch street, West Roxbury.
 Beal place, Hyde Park.
 Beech street, Hyde Park.
 Berwick street, Hyde Park.
 Braeburn road, Hyde Park.
 Braxton street, West Roxbury.
 Bridge street, West Roxbury.
 Brook street, West Roxbury.
 Brooks street, West Roxbury.
 Bullard street, Hyde Park.
 Bunker street, Hyde Park.
 Burley street, West Roxbury.
 Byrd avenue, West Roxbury.
 Canaan street, Dorchester.
 Carew street, Dorchester.
 Chase street, West Roxbury.
 Chester street, Hyde Park.
 Clarendon avenue, West Roxbury.
 Clay street, Hyde Park.
 Cliff road, Hyde Park.
 Columbia street, Hyde Park.
 Crane street, Hyde Park.
 Croydon street, Dorchester.
 Currier street, Dorchester.
 Desmond road, Dorchester.
 Donoghue place, Hyde Park.
 Draper road, Hyde Park.
 Edson street, Hyde Park.
 Emeray terrace, Hyde Park.
 Eskridge street, Dorchester.
 Esty street, Hyde Park.
 Euclid street, Hyde Park.
 Farrington avenue, West Roxbury.
 Farrington street, Hyde Park.
 Farwell avenue, Hyde Park.
 Fleet street, Hyde Park.
 Forest avenue, Hyde Park.
 Foster street, Hyde Park.
 French street, Dorchester.
 Gillespie's lane, Dorchester.
 Glendower street, West Roxbury.
 Glenmore street, Dorchester.
 Goff street, Hyde Park.
 Golding street, Dorchester.
 Grassmere road, Hyde Park.
 Hallron street, Hyde Park.
 Hamilton park, Hyde Park.
 Harvard place, Hyde Park.
 Hemman street, West Roxbury.
 High Rock street, Hyde Park.
 High street, West Wobury.
 Hodge's court, Dorchester.
 Horne street, Hyde Park.
 Horton street, Hyde Park.
 Hyde Park street, Hyde Park.
 Ives street, Dorchester.
 Jackson street, Hyde Park.
 Jalleison street, Hyde Park.
 James street, West Roxbury.
 Johnray road, Hyde Park.
 Kennedy block, Hyde Park.
 Lanark road, Dorchester.
 Laurel avenue, Hyde Park.
 Lena terrace, Dorchester.
 Locust street, Hyde Park.
 Macdonald street, Hyde Park.
 Madison street, Hyde Park.
 Mansur street, West Roxbury.
 Marie street, Dorchester.
 Marion street, Hyde Park.
 McDonough street, Dorchester.
 McKenna street, Hyde Park.
 Mercer street, Hyde Park.
 Messinger street, Dorchester.
 Metropolitan terrace, West Roxbury.
 Monterey avenue, Dorchester.
 Myopia road, Hyde Park.
 Neponset River Parkway, Hyde Park.
 Newburn place, Hyde Park.
 Newcastle street, Dorchester.
 Noah street, Hyde Park.
 Norfolk court, Dorchester.
 Oak Hill avenue, Dorchester.
 Oakland court, Dorchester.
 Peabody avenue, Hyde Park.
 Pine avenue, Hyde Park.
 Prairie street, Dorchester.
 Prendergast Camp, Dorchester.
 Raleigh road, Hyde Park.
 Reservoir street, Hyde Park.
 Rich-Hood avenue, Hyde Park.
 Riverdale road, Dorchester.
 Roberts place, Hyde Park.
 Rockland street, West Roxbury.
 Rowe road, West Roxbury.
 Sammett avenue, West Roxbury.
 Sanford street, Hyde Park.
 Sherrin street, Hyde Park.
 St. Charles street, Hyde Park.
 St. Joseph street, Hyde Park.
 Stony Brook Reservation, West Roxbury.
 Struzziery terrace, West Roxbury.
 Summer Street place, Hyde Park.
 Sunnyside road, Hyde Park.
 Thorn street, Hyde Park.
 Toppan avenue, West Roxbury.
 Townsend street, Hyde Park.
 Trelawney street, Hyde Park.
 Turtle Pond road, West Roxbury.
 Vale street, Hyde Park.
 Van Brunt street, Hyde Park.
 Violet street, Dorchester.
 Vose street, Hyde Park.
 Welles park, West Roxbury.
 Welles terrace, West Roxbury.
 West Boundary road, Hyde Park.
 Wiedemann street, West Roxbury.
 Windsor street, Hyde Park.
 Wolcott road, Hyde Park.

Young's road, Dorchester.
 Yuill circle, Hyde Park.
 Yuletide road, Dorchester.

Coun. NORTON—Mr. President, in introducing at this time an order covering 333 unaccepted streets of the City of Boston in my section, I have introduced the order in this form without the formality of preparing a separate order for each street. I would say that at this time when the Legislature is considering the question whether or not it will allow the Mayor of Boston the amount of money for which he has asked for streets, accepted or unaccepted, it may be of interest for the citizens to know that we have in Ward 18 more unaccepted than accepted streets. In 1928 we had more houses built in Ward 18 than in all the other wards of the City of Boston. The ward geographically covers one sixth of the area of the city, with as much territory as you will find in Wards 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 collectively. So I am merely in this way calling to the attention of the public the fact that we have so many unaccepted streets in Ward 18. I don't want anybody to think that, because the order covering this list of streets comes in at this time, all the streets are going to be taken care of this year. I am merely calling the attention of the Legislature, while they are considering this matter of streets in the City of Boston, that in Ward 18 there is this immense number of unaccepted streets that

need attention at the present time, and there are very many such streets also in Wards 17, 19 and 20. As a matter of fact, however, as I say, Ward 18 has more unaccepted than accepted streets.

Coun. BUSH—Mr. President, I would like to ask the gentleman from Ward 18 a question if he is willing to answer it.

Coun. NORTON—Yes, councilor.

Coun. BUSH—Councilor Norton has made a statement in regard to the geographical area of his ward, which he states is as great as the combined Wards 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. I don't doubt that statement at all, but I would like to ask him if he knows what the total assessed valuation of the property in Hyde Park is at the present time?

Coun. NORTON—If I had time, I would like to go into that. It is all in this statistical book here. But I believe the total valuation of the ward is one of the largest in the city, close on to \$50,000,000. (Coun. Norton examined the book containing statistics of the different wards.)

President LYNCH—In the meantime, the Chair will put the question on the passage of the order. The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

Adjourned, at 5.10 p. m., on motion of Coun. CURTIS, to meet on Monday, April 14, 1930, at 2 p. m.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, April 14, 1930.

Meeting of the City Council in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President LYNCH in the chair. Absent, Coun. Dowd.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn, under the law, Coun. HEIN presiding at the box in the absence of the Mayor, as follows:

Twenty-three traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, Fifth Session, to appear May 5, 1930:

Patrick Doyle, Ward 1; Daniel J. Driscoll, Ward 1; Richard E. Sullivan, Ward 2; Alexander Grant, Ward 4; William P. O'Rourke, Ward 6; John J. Peyton, Ward 8; John E. S. Prendergast, Ward 10; William A. Kenney, Ward 11; Otto Carl Schoen, Ward 11; Charles C. Campbell, Ward 12; David Lender, Ward 12; Patrick J. Sullivan, Ward 13; Paul J. Garrity, Ward 14; Patrick McQuade, Ward 15; Arthur C. Austin, Ward 17; Alfred R. Gray, Ward 17; William J. Lally, Ward 17; Arthur E. Cokeley, Ward 18; James W. Sanders, Ward 18; Edwin Leonard Palmborg, Ward 19; Walter F. Cook, Ward 20; Walter G. Carlisle, Ward 21; Herbert P. Jones, Ward 22.

APPOINTMENT OF MINOR OFFICERS.

The appointments by the Mayor of minor officers paid by fees for the term of one year beginning with the first day of May, 1930, as contained in City Document No. 52, were received and laid over a week under the law.

VETO OF LOANS FOR CHESTNUT HILL PLAYGROUND.

The following were received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 8, 1930.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen,—I beg to return herewith, without my approval, the order adopted by your honorable body under date of March 24, 1930, and providing the sum of \$50,000 for the construction of locker building and shower baths at the Chestnut Hill Playground, Ward 21, for the reason that the Park Commission have been instructed to make provision for the inclusion of a sum sufficient to cover the cost of locker building and shower baths at Chestnut Hill Playground, Ward 21, in the expenditures to be made from the income of the Parkman Fund, which will be submitted to the Council for consideration at a later date.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 8, 1930.

To the City Council.
Gentlemen,—I beg to return herewith, without my approval, the order adopted by your honorable body under date of March 24, 1930, providing an expenditure in the sum of \$25,000 for the erection of concrete bleachers at the Chestnut Hill Playground.

A general survey is being made at the present time of improvements that may be necessary at Chestnut Hill Playground and the question of providing suitable seating capacity will receive consideration.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Severally placed on file.

VETO OF LOAN FOR HEALY PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 8, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I beg to return herewith, without my approval, order adopted by your honorable body under date of March 24, 1930, providing the sum of \$40,000 for improvements at Healy Playground, Ward 19.

Such improvements as are necessary for the proper conduct of activities at this playground will be made by the Park Commission and such major improvements as may be required will be a subject for study this year and, provided circumstances warrant, may be favorably considered in 1931.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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VETO OF RANDOLPH STREET PLAYGROUND LOAN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 8, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I beg to return herewith, without my approval, order adopted by your honorable body under date of March 24, 1930, for the reason that the Park Commission have informed me that the appropriation of money for the filling, grading and improvement of Randolph Street Playground is unnecessary since the same can be provided for out of the department maintenance fund and this work will be started at once.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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VETO OF LOAN FOR BLEACHERS AT RONAN PARK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 8, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I beg to return herewith, without my approval, the order adopted by your honorable body under date of March 24, 1930, providing for the erection of concrete bleachers at Ronan Park, Ward 15, for the reason that the sum requested is inadequate to properly accommodate the throngs that assemble and the amount set aside for park development for this year cannot be increased.

The recommendation that concrete bleachers be erected at Ronan Park is an excellent one and I have instructed the Park Commission to make a study so that provision may be made in 1931 to care for it.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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VETO OF LOAN FOR SMITH PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 8, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I beg to return herewith, without my approval, order adopted by your honorable body under date of March 24, 1930.

The Park Commission are investigating at the present time the requirements of the Smith Playground, and until such time as a report has been submitted and given proper study, it is inadvisable to act favorably upon the order as adopted.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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VETO OF LOAN FOR CHARLESTOWN HEIGHTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 8, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I beg to return herewith, without my approval, order of your honorable body

adopted under date of March 24, 1930, providing an expenditure in the sum of \$12,000 for improvements at Charlestown Heights.

I have conferred with the chairman of the Park Commission and am informed by him that the structure in which it is proposed improvements be located at a cost of \$12,000 is built of wood and more than twenty-five years in use.

I have ascertained further that an expenditure of \$50,000 would provide a brick or stone building, with necessary facilities, and in addition cover the cost of such general improvements as might be necessary at Charlestown Heights.

Under the circumstances, in my opinion, it would be not only advisable but desirable that action be deferred until 1931, and at that time provision be made for a new building and the improvements deemed necessary.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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CONDITION OF ELM HILL PARK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 14, 1930.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, relative to the condition of Elm Hill Park. This is in reply to your order of March 31, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, April 10, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir,—I have your memorandum of recent date with inclosure, order from the City Council that the Park Commission place the grounds in Elm Hill Park in proper condition.

All parks, playgrounds, etc., in the City of Boston, are always placed in proper condition as soon as the ground is workable and the department forces can get to same. Elm Hill Park will be cared for and planted as soon as the season permits.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

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SHOWER BATHS, SULLIVAN SQUARE PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 14, 1930.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, relative to placing a sufficient sum in the budget for the installation of shower baths at the Sullivan Square Playground, Charlestown. This is in reply to your order of March 31, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, April 9, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—Replying to order from the City Council that the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide in the 1930 budget a sum sufficient for an addition to the present locker building and the installation of additional shower baths therein, at the Sullivan Square Playground, Ward 2.

I respectfully state that this is not a matter for the budget as it comes under the head of new construction—it would cost \$25,000 to comply with the request.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

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WAGES OF CITY HOSPITAL WARD PORTERS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 14, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Joseph P. Manning, President of the Board of Trustees, Boston City Hospital, regarding increase in wages for the ward porters. This is in reply to your order of March 31, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Hospital Department, April 9, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor,—At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees, an order of the City Council, reading as follows, was presented:

Ordered, That the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to add to the salaries of the ward porters employed at the hospital the sum of \$4.50 per week instead of allowing said porters to have meals at the expense of the city. This will bring their salaries up to \$28.50 per week, the amount on which their retirement deduction is based at the present time.

In City Council, March 31, 1930. Passed.

Attest:
W. J. DOYLE,
City Clerk.

You will remember that the question of allowing this \$4.50 in lieu of meals was taken up with you and Mr. Fox when the hospital budget was under consideration, and it was deemed inadvisable to allow it, due to the fact that it was shown that men doing the same type of work in other hospitals in Boston received very much smaller salaries. If this is allowed at this time, it will mean that all the men working as porters, house cleaners, brass polishers, etc., will request a revision upward in their salaries also.

Yours respectfully,
JOSEPH P. MANNING,
President, Board of Trustees.

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TRAFFIC SIGN, LOUIS PRANG STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 14, 1930.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Thomas F. Sullivan, Acting Traffic Commissioner, requesting a traffic sign be placed on Louis Prang street. This is in reply to your order of March 31, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, April 8, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I return herewith the following order passed by the City Council, March 31, 1930:

Ordered, That the Boston Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to place a "boulevard stop" sign on the right-hand side of Louis Prang street at the proper distance from its intersection with Huntington avenue.

This section is on our list for automatic signals. This type of sign cannot be used due to the fact that Huntington avenue is not a through street.

Yours very truly,
T. F. SULLIVAN,
Acting Commissioner.

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NAMING OF PLAYGROUND FOR LATE CORPORAL ROBERTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 14, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, with reference to naming the proposed

playground in the Dunbar avenue section in honor of the late Corporal Thomas J. Roberts. This is in reply to your order of March 24, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, April 9, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I have your memorandum of recent date with inclosure, order from the City Council that the Park Commissioner be, and hereby is, respectfully requested to name the proposed new playground in the Dunbar avenue section of Ward 17 in honor of the late Corporal Thomas J. Roberts of Dorchester.

Inasmuch as this playground is not in existence at the present time the Board of Park Commissioners cannot do anything about the matter. I will be very glad to consider the naming of the playground in honor of Corporal Thomas J. Roberts when same comes into existence.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

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FENCE ON MATHER SCHOOL PROPERTY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 14, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from the School Committee relative to the construction of a fence on the Mather School property. This is in reply to your order of March 10, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
School Committee, April 7, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—At the meeting of the School Committee held on Monday evening, April 7, 1930, the Superintendent of Schools, in response to reference to him of the order passed by the City Council, March 10, 1930, requesting the School Committee, through his Honor the Mayor, to erect a fence on the Mather School property bordering East street in order to eliminate the possibility of further accidents to school children, reported that he finds that the Superintendent of Construction is including in his annual budget for alterations and repairs an item sufficient to cover the cost of an iron fence on the East street side of this property.

The report was accepted and ordered transmitted to the City Council through his Honor the Mayor.

Very truly yours,
ELLEN M. CRONIN, Secretary.

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LOCKER BUILDING AT SULLIVAN SQUARE PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 14, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, in regard to keeping the locker building at the Sullivan Square Playground open until nine o'clock throughout the year. This is in reply to your order of March 31, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, April 10, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I have your memorandum of recent date with inclosure, order from the City Council that the Park Commissioner be requested to arrange to keep open the locker building at the Sullivan Square Playground each day in the year until nine o'clock at night.

With the advent of daylight saving, the locker building will be kept open until nine o'clock at

night. There is no necessity for keeping this building open during the winter—except during the skating season.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

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HANDBALL COURTS, SULLIVAN SQUARE PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 10, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I beg to inclose herewith an answer to the order adopted by your honorable body under date of March 31, 1930, the report of the Park Commission, relative to replacing handball courts at Sullivan Square Playground.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, April 9, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—In replying to order from the City Council that the Park Commissioner be requested to replace the handball courts at Sullivan Square Playground with new ones, I desire to say that the courts are in no way antiquated, but will be placed in excellent condition for the use of the players at the earliest possible moment.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

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PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Fred Aronne, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 784 Dudley street.

James S. Caverly, for compensation for injuries to daughter in Lewis School.

Vincent J. Falcione, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

John M. Garrigan, for refund on refuse tickets.

A. Jepsky, for compensation for damage to car by city cart.

Herbert V. Mitchell, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Exchange and State streets.

New England Bakery Company, for compensation for damage to equipment caused by city truck.

Perley P. Ray, to be reimbursed for building fence around property at 71 Brooks street, Brighton.

Roma Pharmacy, for compensation for damage to property at 71 Prince street, caused by defective water main.

Salvador C. Sacco, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Gladstone street.

Gino Serena, for compensation for damage to car by city team.

Agnes M. Shaw, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at 257 Washington street, Dorchester.

Miss R. Trager, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 112 Talbot avenue, Dorchester.

Executive.

Petitions for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement, viz.:

Edna Stutz, Arlington Theater, May 27.

Helen J. Gormley, Roxbury Memorial High School, April 29.

Mary Sieveling, Arlington Theater, April 30.

Mary Campbell, Jordan Hall, May 14.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS PAY ROLL.

The pay roll of Registry of Deeds from April 1 to 15, inclusive, regular employees, amounting to \$4,786.44, was received and approved.

CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The constables' bonds of William J. Galley and Nathan E. Rosenberg, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, were received and approved.

NOTICE OF RESIGNATION.

Notice was received from the Mayor of resignation of Edmund L. Dolan as Sinking Funds Commissioner.

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APPOINTMENT OF SINKING FUNDS COMMISSIONER.

Notice was received of the appointment by the Mayor of Eugene M. McSweeney, 23 Chilton road, West Roxbury, as Sinking Funds Commissioner, for term ending May 1, 1932.

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COMPENSATION TO DISABLED VETERANS.

Coun. BUSH offered the following:

Whereas, The very recent astounding disclosures in the Boston press relative to the large sums of money being drawn as compensation by high state and federal officials with minor disabilities have aroused a widespread furor of indignation and shocked the conscience of the entire country; and

Whereas, Many unemployed disabled veterans who served, bled and suffered for our country in the ranks, in her hour of need and who came out of the war with maimed, racked, tortured, disfigured and dismembered bodies, are struggling to keep body and soul together, unable to obtain a fair measure of justice; be it therefore

Resolved, That the Boston City Council go on record as condemning the discriminatory injustice done to the rank and file of our really disabled War Veterans and calls upon our United States Congress to investigate and remedy the shocking and flagrant condition now existing, as disclosed by the press.

Coun. BUSH—Mr. President, I was very much amazed, shocked and grieved at the astounding disclosures made by the Boston Post yesterday morning and this morning relative to the situation that has arisen under the Emergency Retirement Act, whereby army officers who served in the late World War were able to retain three-quarters of their regular pay for disability received in the service. It develops from these disclosures that some of these officers are receiving as high as \$281 and some odd cents a month for very minor disabilities—in fact, so minor that they are not visible and are apparently of no consequence, that, in addition, they are holding federal and state positions in which they receive salaries of anywhere from \$4,000 to \$8,000 a year. I have no quarrel with a retired army officer who was actually disabled in the war receiving compensation which will properly compare with the sums paid to the rank and file of the veterans who suffered actual disability. I recall, gentlemen, that before the Sweet bill was passed in Congress, and before my own discharge from the service, a man who lost a leg above the knee received 66 per cent disability, the pay then being \$30 a month for total permanent disability, and that for the loss of a leg below the knee he received 40 per cent disability. Later, when the Sweet bill was passed, the pay was made \$100 a month for total and permanent disability. And what is total and permanent disability? The loss of a leg, an eye and a hand is considered total permanent disability, and the loss of any two of those is a major disability. The loss of both hands, both feet or both eyes, is considered 100 per cent total and permanent disability, for which a man receives \$100 per month. Under the original act, if a man lost a leg, disarticulated at the hip, and an arm, disarticulated at the shoulder, and the sight of an eye, he could receive \$30 a month. That was the maximum disability. Later, the Sweet bill changed that to \$100 a month, which is now in force and effect. There is a further provision in the Sweet bill that a man who has lost both legs and both hands, or both legs and both eyes, or both hands and both eyes, gets what they call a double total disability, paying \$200 a month, and allowing him up to \$50 a month for a nurse to attend him. So if a man has lost both legs and

both eyes, or both hands and both feet, he can receive a maximum of \$250 a month. Yet one of our state officials at the present time, without impairment or loss of any of his members, is receiving \$281.25 a month from the government as a disabled officer, and is receiving a salary of some \$8,000 a year besides from the state. There are many other cases similar to that, where men who are officers are receiving lesser sums from the government, while the men who actually served in the front lines and in the trenches, who really suffered and who came back maimed, disfigured and dismembered, can receive a maximum of but \$100 a month with no further allowance for dependents. That is the total amount he can receive. I want you to contrast these cases, gentlemen, because these disclosures, as they appeared in the Boston Post of yesterday and today will arouse such a widespread furor of indignation that the entire country will be aroused over it. The purpose of this compensation originally was to supplement an injured man's earning capacity and not to provide a gratuity. It was not the intention of the government to give a gratuity to the men who served. It was the intention to give them something, because of the injury they had received in the service, to supplement what they lost by virtue of their injury, and because their earning capacity was handicapped. Yet we find some of these officers with no physical or apparent disability of any consequence receiving far in excess of the amount received by our worst disabled veterans, although they are holding positions also which are paying them very large and comfortable salaries. I ask you, gentlemen, is there any justice or fairness in that? It further develops that President Coolidge was aware of the provisions of the act and vetoed it, and that it was passed over his veto. The truth of the matter is that the members of Congress were not aware how the provisions of the act would work out and the abuses that would arise under it. If these officers were disabled in the same manner that some of our rank and file veterans were disabled, I should have no complaint to make, nor would anybody else have any just cause of complaint; but when a man who has no real disability receives an amount far in excess of some of our badly disabled veterans, it is time for the country to know why. These officers are receiving anywhere from \$2,000 to \$4,000 from the government and are also enabled to obtain salaries in the employ of the state and federal government totaling an additional \$4,000 to \$8,000, while some of our veterans, whose sense of pride prevented their making an immediate claim on the government for minor disabilities, but whose minor disabilities later developed into very major disabilities, are now forced to crawl on their knees and pray for a chance to claim the compensation they should have, and are being rejected by some of these very officers who are receiving such enormous gratuities from the government, although having no disabilities at all or very minor disabilities. Also, a great many other veterans who may have no apparent disability, but who were tremendously shell-shocked, are now beginning to feel the strain and to break down under it mentally and physically. Those men have to bring in all sorts of affidavits and unquestionable proof that their disabilities originated in the service, while these officers find no difficulty whatever in obtaining the passage of a bill which makes it possible for them, with only minimum disabilities, to obtain a monthly sum which is magnificent in comparison with that received by the worst disabled veterans in the service. I spoke about the purpose of it originally being to supplement the earning capacity. I happen to recall that upon the occasion of my own discharge from the service I appeared before one of those officers at the Walter Reed Hospital, in Washington, for a disability rating. The rating that he wanted to give me was 60 per cent. I knew of a case similar to mine—where, in fact, the man had suffered the loss of a leg but no injuries in addition, and where he received a disability of 80 per cent. I asked this colonel—he happened to be a colonel—why was that. He said, "Why, you are a man of intelligence and you can go out and earn a living, and this other man is ignorant, illiterate, and will not be able to earn a living. That is why we gave him the greater disability." I asked that colonel what he thought a man who had lost a leg and the sight of an eye, and had an injured hand, could do. Well, gentlemen, he said he could operate a street car, as a motorman! I said to him, "Why, colonel, do you know of any street

railway company in the country that would employ a man operating a car in that condition?" "Well, sir," he said, "You may be right,—they probably would not. But there must be some other thing that you could do." I said to him, "Colonel, you are an eminent surgeon, or a surgeon of some repute. If you had lost one or two fingers from your right hand,—which I assume to be the hand you use for operating,—would you be content if some one in your position would tell you, 'Why, you may be disabled as a surgeon, but can't you take a position in a butcher shop, cutting meat, as long as you have had some experience in that line?'" He said, "I see your point." But it took a concrete illustration to show that man, who held the rank of colonel in the army, that he was mistaken in his estimate of disability. There are men who were disabled in the service who had disabilities that prevented them or handicapped them in every line and form of human endeavor, and yet who are unable to receive anywhere near the scale of compensation that is received by these officers. It seems to me, gentlemen, that there is no question but what the City Council and every citizen in Boston and in the whole country is interested in a matter of this kind. They are interested in seeing that justice and equity are accorded to the men who served in the World War, or in any war of the country, and who not only gave their time and service but came out practical wrecks.

Coun. CURTIS—Mr. President, this is a very appealing project, upon which the councilor of Ward 12 (Coun. Bush) has expressed himself exceedingly well. But it seems to me we are getting a little far afield here. I don't see how this Council can, within the line of its duties, express itself on every injustice or wrong that crops up in the country, upon matters about which it has nothing whatever to do. The act to which the councilor from Ward 12 refers is an act that was passed by the Congress of the United States, making certain provisions for retirement pay for officers. Even assuming that that act is wrong, it seems to me we are getting on dangerous ground when we start expressing ourselves on all these outside matters. Last week a matter pending before the State Legislature was brought in here and we were asked to express ourselves on that. We are here asked to express ourselves on a matter that concerns the Congress, and next week the question may be a matter on the tariff. So, while this is an appealing subject, I don't see why we should go on record on matters of this type.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, I heartily agree with everything Councilor Bush has said on the floor here today as to this outrage. I was unaware myself that there was such a bonus granted to the officers until I saw it referred to in the papers. The only way in which we can arouse the sentiment of the people in a matter of this kind is to memorialize Congress, and if it is done from every section of the country it will undoubtedly have some effect. I know of a case myself, in East Boston, of a young man who was in the service who received a severe gassing and was wounded, and suffers a mental affliction. He now receives \$25 a month. He received nothing up to a month ago, when out of the largeness of their heart they gave him \$15 a month. Upon further consideration the Board allowed him \$25 a month. Here is a man who gave all to his country and received no compensation until about a month ago. The only way to have proper attention given to these questions of compensation under the act is to arouse the country, and that can be done by just such bodies as ours going on record and memorializing Congress, asking that the act be changed. After all, it is a question of proper adjudication of these matters.

Coun. BUSH—Mr. President, anything that affects the treasury of the City of Boston is a germane matter for the Council to act upon. In answer to my brother councilor from Ward 5 (Coun. Curtis) I would like to call attention to the fact that in this year's budget there is an appropriation of \$377,685.43 for soldiers' relief. These men who served in the war are compelled, because they are unable to get employment because of their injuries, to come as paupers and beggars to the City of Boston for relief, and we pay almost \$400,000 for that relief, when the burden should properly be borne by the United States Government as a whole, in the form of pensions, rather than making those men feel like paupers, coming here to beg for something to which they are not entitled. I repeat, gentlemen, that the City Council is perfectly justified in acting upon this resolve and that it is some-

thing germane in the affairs of the City of Boston. I move a suspension of the rule and from the resolution.

The preambles and resolution were passed under the suspension of the rule.

WARD 1 IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. DONOVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept Waldemar avenue, Ward 1, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Marginal street, from Clyde street to Jeffries street, Ward 1.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

WIDTH OF VEHICULAR EAST BOSTON TUNNEL.

Coun. DONOVAN offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council favors the construction of the roadway in the proposed East Boston vehicular tunnel to a width of twenty-two feet and ten inches, thereby affording sufficient space for three traffic lanes.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, I am going to ask a suspension of the rule on this resolution. The contemplated vehicular tunnel between Boston and East Boston, under the proposed plan of the Traffic Commission of the city, is to be about 5,000 feet long and 30 feet wide. If the members of the Council will bear with me I will briefly read this section of chapter 297 of the Acts of 1929, which has a bearing on the width of the East Boston tunnel:

"The city of Boston, hereinafter called the city, acting by the Transit Department of the city of Boston, hereinafter called the department, shall proceed in the laying out and construction of a tunnel which shall consist of two or more roadways or lanes for vehicular traffic contained in one or two tubes."

Now, it is optional with the Transit Commission of our city, in constructing the tunnel, to build it to a width of 22 feet and 10 inches, if they wish to do so, and that is a very practical width for a tunnel of this sort. It is the width of the tunnel at present running between Alameda and San Francisco, in California,—a tunnel 22 feet 10 inches in width, which will allow of three lanes of traffic. And so in this resolution I ask that a vehicular tunnel of 22 feet 8 inches be constructed, allowing for the passage of three lanes of traffic, which is successfully done in the tunnel between Alameda and San Francisco.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I had a similar order drawn requesting the construction of a vehicular tunnel of 22 feet in width, with the same idea, that it would allow for the passage of three lanes of traffic, and consequently I would favor the order introduced by the gentleman from East Boston, from whom such an order most properly comes. Most of our members are familiar with the proceedings of last June in great detail, but, that they may be a matter of public record, I would like to make a few points clear so as to bring our proceedings down to date in this matter. On June 5, 1929, there was a public hearing in this room on the question of the acceptance by the City Council of chapter 297 of the Acts of 1929—which act authorized the Transit Department of the City of Boston to construct a tunnel consisting of two or more roadways or lanes for vehicular traffic, including plazas and street approaches extending not more than 1,000 feet from the tunnel entrances and exits, the entire cost of the tunnel and approaches not to exceed \$16,000,000, to be raised by a loan issue to mature in not more than fifty years. A time limit for acceptance of the act was fixed as July 1, 1929. The members of the Legislature who flocked down here to the hearing on the fifth of June urged absolutely immediate acceptance of the act, because they said it would probably relieve the unemployment situation. That perhaps has nothing to do with the subject now before us, except that I might say as an aside that there has not been a public improvement proposed—whether the East Boston tunnel, a million dollars for streets, money for an annex to the City Hospital

or for a broken sidewalk, that somebody has not claimed should be immediately rushed through in order to put men at work. We could look out the window and see thousands of men out of work in the City of Boston, and therefore every order must be rushed through, and, of course, they have been rushed through this body. That act was rushed through last June, and, as far as I am aware, except on the Registry of Deeds, there has been no labor activity as a result up to this time. The City Council accepted the act, however, in reliance on certain definite representations made to the Council on June 5, 1929, and I make special reference to statements concerning the width of the tunnel and as to the cost of it. I do not believe that the public of Boston nor a majority of the members of the body until recently really had a detailed knowledge of what this bill means. The impression purposely given was that the entire cost would not exceed \$16,000,000 in any event, all of which would be easily taken care of by tunnel tolls, and that while we were about it an adequate tunnel would be built, at least 22 feet in width. First, on the question of cost, Colonel Sullivan quite frankly estimated the cost of a 22-foot tunnel by 5,100 feet long as \$10,000,000. He said, "We feel we can build the entire project for \$16,000,000 or less." Mr. Harriman estimated the cost of a 5,100-foot tunnel 26 feet wide as only \$6,000,000. Mr. Harriman said, "\$6,000,000 will be ample for a single tube tunnel." And, again, "I feel that the approximation (of \$16,000,000) is ample for a single tube tunnel with adequate approaches of 1,000 feet in every direction on either side." So much for the cost. Mr. Harriman's estimate was \$4,000,000 lower than Colonel Sullivan's figure—and for a tunnel at least 4 feet wider. But, at least, both agreed that the entire job could be done for \$16,000,000, or less, and each agreed that the tunnel width should be not less than 22 feet; and the figures of each were based on a width of at least 22 feet. So far as the tolls paying for the cost and the operation of the tunnel is concerned, it would appear that the experts are, again, a long ways apart. They told us in June, 1929, that the tunnel, if the original outlay was \$16,000,000, would mean an annual requirement of \$955,000 in tolls. It could be done on 3,000,000 vehicles at thirty cents a trip, or 4,000,000 vehicles a year at twenty-five cents a trip. Four million vehicles a year would necessitate 333,000 vehicles a month, or over 11,000 vehicles each day all the year round. The Planning Board tells us that the volume almost at the start will be 6,000,000 vehicles a year, which is the estimated total capacity of the tunnel; Mr. Harriman estimated 4,000,000 vehicles, and Colonel Sullivan 1,000,000 at the start. Colonel Sullivan looks for a deficit for the first eight years at least. The Planning Board claim that the tunnel will carry itself from the very start. Apparently the Legislature was not so optimistic, because they provided in Section 9 of the act that if there was a deficit in any year the Public Works Department, with the approval of the Department of Public Utilities, could increase the tolls the following year, or establish such a schedule of tolls as would produce the maximum revenue,—in other words, experiment with lower tolls. How many of the people of Boston realize that under Section 11 of the act, if the receipts any year are insufficient to meet operating cost, including sinking fund requirements, the treasurer of the City of Boston is to draw a check for the deficit, and the amount is to be raised in the next annual tax levy? In other words, the expense will not be met by tolls, and the taxpayers of Boston in the last analysis will have to come through for the deficit, perhaps, of the first eight years. Now, what about the tunnel width? We are concerned with that in this way. On November 18, 1929, this body had a public hearing on receipt of formal notice from the State Commissioner of Public Works with reference to application by the Transit Department for the approval of plans for the proposed tunnel. At that time the information was disclosed first, that it was planned to put a curve in the tunnel at an increased cost of over \$450,000 for 225 additional feet in length; and, second, that the proposed roadway was to be only 20 feet in width—despite the figures given us, in reliance upon which in June last we passed the tunnel bill or accepted the act of the Legislature. I say that narrowing the width to 20 feet was a breach of faith with the City Council and with the taxpayers of Boston. What did the eager proponents of the tunnel assure the City Council on June 5, 1929, just prior to the acceptance of the act? Mr. Vorenberg, the eminent mer-

chant of Boston, appearing in the matter, said, "I trust we will not make the mistake of not having the width of the tunnel absolutely adequate." Mr. Harriman, the expert, whose qualifications have been somewhat disqualified by the chairman of the Finance Commission recently, said, "I think it would be a very grave mistake to build a tunnel of less than 25 to 26 feet between curbs, so that there might be any question of blockage on one line of vehicles passing around a blockaded vehicle without holding up the whole tunnel." The Alameda tunnel, he said, had been in operation over a year without blocks of any kind, because the width is sufficient so that in case of a tire blow-out or any accident other vehicles can still pass by. Colonel Sullivan pointed out that the Alameda tunnel was 22 feet 10 inches between the curbs. In response to a question whether he had given up any idea of three lanes, Colonel Sullivan said, "Well, it would be wide enough for three lanes." In other words, he figures on a 22-foot width there, which is substantially the width between curbs on this end of Beacon street. That would be clearly wide enough for three lanes. When Colonel Sullivan was asked "Is 22 feet wide enough" he exclaimed, "If anything happens you simply set your signal system and everything stops. A wrecking crew goes in and takes out any vehicle that may be causing obstruction. With your 22 feet, you would have your two lines, and in case of emergency, there would be room for a third." Since June 5, 1929, there has been a lot of talk about the location of the tunnel entrances, whether the tunnel shall be curved or straight, and whose land shall be taken, and whether we should spend \$4,000,000 more for a new traffic artery. But no one has worried much about the area of the tunnel itself, except to whittle it down 2 feet. The proceedings of the last six or eight months—this beating around the bush, chasing plans, which the Corporation Counsel here said could not be changed after once signed—all that sort of thing reminds me very much of what might happen in a boys' organization. The boys are planning to get up something, we will say, and invite the public, and the whole thing is done under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce or some other civic body and is to be in some available hall. The boys get together and decide how many tickets they should sell, what the transportation facilities should be, all that sort of thing, and decide, we will say, that they will sell 3,000 tickets. The evening of the event comes around, the boys get there, decorated with boutonnieres, the big committee on arrangements is on hand, everything is prepared, and then one of the men in charge of the hall says, "Well, how many tickets have you sold?" "Well," says the boy in charge of that part of the program, "we have sold 3,000 tickets." "But," is the reply, "there are only 500 seats in the hall." And so that is about the situation here. Months have been spent on this matter, the plans been changed, wide approaches and plazas have been projected, circular stairways, all that sort of thing, with, except perhaps folding doors, and all the time they have been whittling down the tunnel, so that it is now only to be 20 feet wide. And if there is a jam, as there is sure to be, how are they going to take care of it? I say that the main object of spending \$16,000,000 or more for a tunnel is to provide an adequate outlet for traffic to East Boston and the North Shore,—not to help real estate speculators unload their holdings. Apparently believing from the public press that the plans as proposed were to be carried through successfully, the real estate speculators got busy, following the hearings before the City Council. Two cliques of real estate operators in this city have been fighting to have the tunnel opening—for the one outfit on Hanover street, for the other outfit on Cross street. It looks now as though we are to reduce the tunnel width to an inadequate 20 feet in order to insure a second tunnel in the next five or ten years, so that the losing clique can unload their bag. And so I urge the passage of Councilor Donovan's order at this time for these two reasons,—first, the way to attract traffic to the new tunnel, in sufficient volume so that the tolls shall anywhere near pay for the tunnel is to make the tube wide enough so that one trip through won't be a lesson never to try it again. The widest approaches in the world will not help much if the tunnel itself is choked. Second, and most important, I say again that the people of Boston are advancing this money for the building of an adequate tunnel,

not to help speculators unload real estate. And we don't want to have the tunnel narrowed that all important extra foot or two, merely because it may force the early building of a second tunnel, with more land-takings, five or ten years from now. And so I have drawn my order for the tunnel 22 feet wide, and I now strongly favor the order of Councilor Donovan, making the width of the proposed tunnel that of the tunnel between Alameda and San Francisco, 22 feet and 10 inches wide, that being the proper width as cited by both Mr. Harriman and Colonel Sullivan—in reliance upon which the Council last year accepted the legislative act.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

ANNUITY TO WIDOW OF FRANK H. LASKEY.

Coun. DONOVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That an annuity of six hundred dollars be allowed and paid to the widow of Frank H. Laskey, late member of the Boston Fire Department, who died from injuries received in the performance of his duty, such annuity to continue so long as said widow remains unmarried, and to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department, Pensions and Annuities.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

REPAVING OF BRINSLEY STREET, WARD 14.

Coun. RUBY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave Brinsley street, Ward 14, with smooth paving.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION.

Coun. MURRAY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Pond street, south-east side, from Eliot street to Duuster road, Ward 19, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Eliot street, both sides, from Centre street to Pond street, Ward 19, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Coun. GLEASON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Massachusetts avenue, south side, from Washington street to Shawmut avenue, Ward 9, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

ANNUITY TO WIDOW OF FREDERICK J. SWENDEMAN.

Coun. COX offered the following:

Ordered, That an annuity of six hundred dollars be allowed and paid to the widow of Lieut. Frederick J. Swendeman, late member of the Boston Police Department, who died from injuries received while in the performance of his duty, such annuity to continue so long as said widow remains unmarried, and to be charged to the appropriation for Police Department, Pensions and Annuities.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PAYMENT TO GOLD STAR MOTHERS.

Coun. NORTON offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston favors such action by the United States Government as may be necessary to provide that gold star mothers who are unable to make the trip to the European battlefields be paid a sum of \$850 in lieu of their being unable to make said trip.

Coun. NORTON—Mr. President, this summer the United States Government is to send to Europe mothers of the soldiers who gave their lives in the World War. There are many such mothers in this country, and quite a few in this city, who will be unable to go, due to the fact that they have families to take care of, that they have not the proper clothes to wear to make the trip to Europe and one reason and another. Therefore, I think the right thing to do would be to give to those mothers who are unable to take the trip the \$850 in cash which will be necessary to send one of these mothers to the European battlefields. Because a mother is unable to leave her home, where she is perhaps taking care of young children, or because she does not have the proper clothing to make the trip, should be no reason why something should not be done for her in lieu of the otherwise great trip of her life. I agree with Councilor Curtis when he says we should stick to our own business, but I have a question in my mind as to just how much business we will have to work on after we pass the budget here. Last week we passed an order, commending the Attorney-General upon his effort to clean up Boston from a ring. True, we had nothing to do with that, but, at the same time, as a part of the official family of the City of Boston, I think we could well say to the Attorney-General that "as far as this Council is concerned, we favor your effort to clear this city of a band of people who have been terrorizing the citizens of the community under the guise of police officials." And, equally true, we have nothing to do with the details of this tunnel matter, after accepting the act, chapter 297 of 1929, which Councilor Wilson and Councilor Donovan have just referred to. The Mayor of Boston and the Transit Commission of this city now have all the power, and the Council has no power after approving the act last year. Nevertheless, this Council has the prerogative and right to say to the Boston Transit Commission and to the Mayor of Boston, "Before you erect that tunnel, consider carefully the question whether it should not be wide enough to take care of the business." We have that right, although we have no power in the matter, but the force of public opinion emanating from this Council certainly has some weight. Therefore, Mr. President, I ask that this resolution, calling upon Uncle Sam to give the unfortunate mothers of this country whose boys are in France, and who themselves are unable to take this trip, \$850 in lieu of the European trip which they are obliged to give up.

The order was declared referred to the Committee on Rules.

Coun. NORTON—Mr. President, I ask a suspension of the rule that the resolution may be put.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I move that it go to the Executive Committee.

The rule was suspended and the resolution was passed.

BATHING AREA AT TENEN BEACH.

Coun. FISH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to furnish the City Council with an estimate of the amount required for the purchase of additional shore property to sufficiently enlarge the present inadequate bathing area at Tenen Beach, Ward 16.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ARC LAMP, WARD 16.

Coun. FISH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install a boulevard type electric arc lamp at Marlowe and Vinson streets, Ward 16.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ROPING OFF ELIOT SQUARE.

Coun. GLEASON offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Messenger be, and he hereby is, authorized to rope off Eliot square, Roxbury, during the time of the patriotic exercises on Patriots' Day, April 19, the expense to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Flags, Ropes and Stakes.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED BY CONSTABLES.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That each person appointed as a constable of the City of Boston with authority to serve civil process be required to furnish the City Council Special Committee on Constables with written answers to the following inquiries, properly numbered, and subscribed and sworn to by the applicant:

1. What is your full name?
2. Your present home address?
3. In what ward do you now reside?
4. Are you a citizen?
5. Are you now a resident of Boston?
6. How long have you continuously been a resident of Boston?
7. Are you a registered voter in Boston?
8. Have you any dependents?
9. What is your present business address?
10. What was your business address on May 1, 1929?
11. What is the name of the person to whom you pay rental for business premises occupied by you?
12. What is the name and address of the insurance company by whom you were bonded last year, and through what local agent or office was your bond placed?
13. How many consecutive years have you been a constable of the City of Boston?
14. If you have been a constable for less than five consecutive years up to May 1, 1930:
 - (a) What was your business prior to your first appointment as a constable?
 - (b) By what concern and at what address were you employed; and
 - (c) What were your duties incident to such prior employment?
15. If you have been a constable for less than three consecutive years up to May 1, 1930, what was your business during the two years next prior to the date of your first appointment as a constable of the City of Boston?
16. During the past twelve months:
 - (a) Have you been engaged in any business or profession other than your business as a constable, and if so
 - (b) In what other business or profession have you been engaged, and
 - (c) By whom have you been employed, and
 - (d) What has your work consisted of?
17. Are you at present receiving any salary or wages from any person or concern, and if so, from what person or concern?
18. Are you at present employed directly or indirectly by any concern selling merchandise or other property on lease, conditional sale, or any partial payment plan, and if so by what concern are you employed and in what capacity?
19. During the past five years have you been defendant in any criminal proceeding—other than for infraction of the automobile laws—in any court in this Commonwealth?
20. At any time since your first appointment as constable of the City of Boston have you been defendant in any criminal proceeding in any court in this Commonwealth?
21. During the past five years have you been defendant in any court in this Commonwealth in any civil suit brought for damages or alleged damages arising out of the performance of any of your duties as a constable of the City of Boston?
22. Give the names and addresses of four persons personally known by you for two years or more who may be communicated with as references indorsing your appointment as constable.
23. For what attorneys have you served writs or witness subpoenas or otherwise acted as constable during the past year?
24. Prior to your first appointment as a constable of the City of Boston what was your experience, if any, especially qualifying you for an appointment to such position?

25. What are your qualifications, if any, for your requested appointment as a constable of the City of Boston?

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I wish to say just a word in regard to this order, which I do not wish to have read in full at this time. It is an order presented on behalf of the Special Committee on Constables, that certain leading questions may be asked of the various applicants for appointment this year to the position of constables in the City of Boston; so that the Committee on Constables may not be put in the position this year that they were put in last year, when the Committee of the Legislature made the statement that the place for a real check-up on the qualifications of the constables was right here in the Boston City Council. Therefore, what the present committee has in mind is to go down through the present list with questions of this sort.

The order was referred to the Executive Committee.

AIRPORT PLANS.

Coun. LYNCH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to inform the City Council whether the United States Navy planes and the planes of the Naval Air Station at Squantum are allowed the use of the East Boston Airport and upon what conditions; and if they are not allowed the use of the airport the reason for the prohibition.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RESTRICTIONS ON PARK FRONTAGES.

Coun. LYNCH offered the following:

An Ordinance Concerning Restrictions on Park Frontages.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Chapter forty of the Revised Ordinances of 1925 is hereby amended in section twenty by striking out in the fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth lines of said section the words "and on the northerly side from Boston street to Marine Park, South Boston," and inserting in place thereof the words "and on the northerly side from Boston street to Dorchester avenue and from Buttonwood street to Marine Park, South Boston."

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

WARD 21 IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. HEIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept Wilson park, Ward 21, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Police be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install a spot-light for the traffic officer at Commonwealth avenue and Gorham street, Ward 21.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

The Council voted at 3.10 p. m., on motion of Coun. FISH, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled in the Council Chamber, and were called to order by President LYNCH at 4.05 p. m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. MAHONEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Reports on petitions (referred today) for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement, viz.:

Edna Stutz, Arlington Theater, May 27; Helen J. Gormley, Roxbury Memorial High School, April 29; Mary Sieveling, Arlington Theater, April 30; Mary Campbell, Jordan Hall, May 14, —that leave be granted on usual conditions.

Report accepted; leave granted on usual conditions.

2. Report on order (referred today) in regard to information to be furnished by persons appointed as constables—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

3. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred March 24) *in re* renewal of market leases, recommending passage of order in accompanying new draft, viz.:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Markets be authorized, with the approval of the Mayor, to renew for a period of five years from October 1, 1929, the leases of stalls, cellars and space in the Faneuil Hall and Quincy Market Buildings and sub-sidewalk space adjacent thereto, to those lessees who shall notify the superintendent in writing that they desire to retain their respective holdings, and otherwise shall give leases to such suitable persons as shall be approved by the Mayor; such renewals and new leases to be for sixty-five per cent of the annual rental during the last five years of the term expiring October 1, 1929, and otherwise to be on the same terms and conditions as provided in the prior leases—

—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed in above new draft.

WARD 2 IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public

Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave Brighton street, Ward 2, with smooth paving.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to report to the City Council the approximate date upon which the repaving work will start on North Mead street, Ward 2,

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

LOCKER BUILDING, SULLIVAN SQUARE PLAYGROUND.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That the sum of fifty thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commission for the erection of a modern locker building of concrete construction, with shower baths and other fittings, on the Sullivan Square Playground, Ward 2, and that to meet such expense the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, at the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Adjourned, at 4.08 p. m., to meet on Monday, April 21, at 2 p. m.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, April 21, 1930.

Regular meeting of the City Council in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President LYNCH in the chair. Absent, Coun. Dowd.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the appointment of Martin G. Donnelly, to be a Weigher of Goods, for the term ending April 30, 1931.

Laid over a week, under the law.

QUARTERS FOR STATISTICS DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 21, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from John P. Englert, Superintendent of Public Buildings, in regard to securing new quarters for the *City Record* and the Statistics Department. This is in reply to your order of April 7, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Buildings Department, April 14, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—Replying to the order of the City Council that the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide suitable quarters in City Hall Annex building for the Statistics Department and the *City Record*, I respectfully report that there are several departments now located in City Hall Annex that have been looking for increased quarters for some time. When the Schoolhouse Department finally vacates the quarters occupied by them on the tenth floor, I will endeavor to make a study of same and can assure you that I will give the Statistics Department and the *City Record*, due consideration.

Respectfully yours,
JOHN P. ENGLERT,
Superintendent of Public Buildings.

Placed on file.

ADDITIONAL LAND, TENEAN BEACH.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 21, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission relative to securing an estimate of the amount required for the purchase of additional shore property at Tenean Beach. This is in reply to your order of April 14, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, April 18, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—In answer to order from the City Council that the Park Commission be requested to furnish the City Council with an estimate of the amount required for the purchase of additional shore property to sufficiently enlarge the bathing area at Tenean Beach, I beg to state that \$30,000 will be required to purchase the land, grading, sanding, etc.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

Placed on file.

SEWER IN SWALLOW STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 21, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Joseph A. Rourke, Commissioner of Public Works, relative to the construction of a sewer in Swallow street. This is in reply to your order of February 24, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department, April 15, 1930.
To His Honor the Mayor.

In reply to attached order in Council, dated February 24, by Councilor Cox, that a sewer be laid in Swallow street, Ward 20, from La Grange street to Cottage avenue: We can build a sewer in Swallow street, from La Grange street as far as the existing summit between Cowing and Sparrow streets, which will give relief to more than half of the street.

The continuation of the sewer in the remainder of this street, from the summit to Cottage avenue, involves the expenditure of a large amount of money for a proper outlet, which we do not feel able to consider at present.

Yours respectfully,
J. A. ROURKE,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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SEWER IN VERSHIRE STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 21, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Joseph A. Rourke, Commissioner of Public Works, relative to the construction of a sewer in Vershire street. This is in reply to your order of March 3, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department, April 15, 1930.
To His Honor the Mayor.

In reply to the attached order in Council, dated March 3, by Councilor Cox, that a sewer be built in Vershire street, Ward 20: Although the sewer in this street will cost only \$8,000, we would have to provide for its connection to the existing sewer system. The cost of the construction and the outlet will be \$59,000, which at this writing we do not consider advisable on account of the very large comparative expense.

Yours respectfully,
J. A. ROURKE,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

NEW FIRE STATION, CITY POINT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 21, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Edward F. McLaughlin, Fire Commissioner, relative to the construction of a new fire station in the City Point Section. This is in reply to your order of March 24, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Fire Department, April 16, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I return herewith the following order passed by the City Council on March 24, 1930:

"Ordered: That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide for the construction of a new fire station in the City Point section to house Ladder 19 and Engine 2.

In City Council, March 24, 1930. Passed.

Attest:

W. J. DOYLE,
City Clerk."

■ A survey of the situation has been made and I submit the following:

The quarters of Engine 2, located at the corner of Fourth and O streets, and the quarters of Ladder 19, located on Fourth street, between K and L streets, are both inadequate for the present needs of these companies.

The building of Engine 2 was originally designed for horse-drawn apparatus and is at present too small to house a two-unit engine company. The quarters for the officers and men are also too small and it will require an expenditure of approximately \$30,000 to put the building in proper condition. Even with this expenditure the building would not be satisfactory for the needs of the district.

Ladder 19 is a very old building, designed for horse-drawn apparatus and is in need of extensive repairs to place it in serviceable condition. Like Engine 2 the quarters are cramped and sufficient accommodations are not provided for the officers and men. The building itself is poorly located, being on a very narrow street, which results in considerable delay to the apparatus in responding to an alarm or fire. The growth of this section requires that an 85-foot aerial truck be placed in this house. I would not recommend the expenditure of any considerable amount of money for repairs to either of these buildings.

I am of the opinion that consideration should be given to the erection of a new station to accommodate both companies in the vicinity of Broadway and K street. This house should be of the two-door type, large enough to accommodate a double-unit engine company and an 85-foot aerial ladder truck. The building should be so situated that it would front on a wide street which would permit prompt response of apparatus from quarters unhampered by traffic conditions.

I understand that some time ago there was some thought of combining the fire and police stations in this district. If such a plan is to be considered the Fire Department station should be entirely separated from the Police Department station in every detail, including separate lighting, heating and plumbing.

The territory which the apparatus in this new station would cover in the vicinity of Summer and L streets is rapidly being built up with new commercial buildings which requires the use of an 85-foot aerial ladder truck and the additional protection of a double-unit engine company.

Exclusive of the land the building would cost approximately \$150,000.

Yours very truly,
EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN,
Fire Commissioner.

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TREES ON POND VIEW AVENUE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 21, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, Chairman of the Park Commission, regarding the planting of trees on Pond View avenue. This is in reply to your order of April 7, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, April 14, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—In answer to order from the City Council that the Park Commission be requested to plant trees on Pond View avenue, I regret exceedingly to inform you that the enormous amount of work laid out for the Park Department this spring will not allow the department forces to do this work.

I have at the present time one hundred eighty applications for the planting of street trees besides the large amount of planting that is to be done in the various parts of the park system.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

Placed on file.

SEWERAGE SYSTEM, SOUTH BAY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 21, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Joseph A. Rourke, Commissioner of Public Works, relative to securing a report on the present sewerage system at Fort Point Channel and Roxbury Canal. This is in reply to your order of March 10, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department, April 15, 1930.
To His Honor the Mayor.

In reply to attached order in Council, dated March 10, by Councillor Cox, concerning the present system of sewers and drains emptying into the Roxbury Canal, Fort Point Channel and South Bay:

1. They are adequate for the needs of the adjacent limited area which they now serve.

2. We do not consider that they are a menace to public health at present, although it has been considered advisable to restrict bathing, through official channels, in these waters.

3. This may be answered by the final report of a special commission appointed by the Legislature in 1929 to consider the proposed filling of the Roxbury Canal and Fort Point Channel, the commission having requested from this year's legislature a year's extension for its final report. There is also another commission which is considering the general pollution of Boston Harbor and its correction, and the Commissioner of Public Works is a member of both commissions.

Yours respectfully,
J. A. ROURKE,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

James P. Calnan, for compensation for damage to property at 9 Eastman street, Dorchester, caused by backing up of sewage.

Mary D. Connolly, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Faneuil Hall Market.

John F. Estle, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

Michael Green, for compensation for damage to estate at 106 Wrentham street, Dorchester, caused by change of grade of street.

Maurice Klein, for compensation for loss of fur coat during fire at 739 Boylston street.

Bertha Marsh, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Magnolia street.

Genevieve McHugh, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Devonshire street.

Warren A. McPherson, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Julia O'Brien, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in 1197 Adams street.

Committee on Jitney Licenses.

Petition of Boston, Worcester & New York Street Railway Company for permission to run buses from Park square to Copley Square, making stop at Copley-Plaza Hotel, on its Springfield-Boston route.

HEARING ON PLANS FOR EAST BOSTON TUNNEL.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Works of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of hearing to be held April 30 at 2 p. m. on petition of City of Boston for approval of plans for construction of East Boston vehicular tunnel.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT OF ADOLPH J. POST.

Notice was received from the Commissioner of Public Works of appointment of Adolph J. Post,

70 Wren street, West Roxbury, to position of Division Engineer of the Sanitary Division.
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VETERANS' LEGISLATION.

A communication was received from Herbert F. Watson Chapter, D. A. V. W. W., relative to legislation pending in Congress for relief of disabled veterans.
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PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF PORTER STREET.

Coun. DONOVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to extend, lay out, and construct Porter street, Ward 1, to the Municipal Airport.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

WARD 15 IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. KELLY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Adams street, from Bowdoin street to Dorchester avenue, Ward 15.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide for the installation of better lighting facilities on Adams street, between Bowdoin street and Dorchester avenue, Ward 15.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

PAYMENT TO DAUGHTER OF JAMESS. CAVERLY.

Coun. ENGLERT offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of the City of Boston favors the enactment of legislation to authorize the city to pay a sum of money on account of injuries received by the daughter of James S. Caverly, while in a school building.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

President LYNCH called up, under unfinished business, No. 1 on the calendar, viz.:

1. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor April 14, 1930, of annual list of minor officers paid by fees as contained in Document 52.

The question came on confirmation. Committee, Coun. Hein and Englert. Whole number of ballots, 18; yeas 18, and the appointments were confirmed.

SALE OF PUBLIC LANDS.

President LYNCH called, under unfinished business, Nos. 2 and 3 on the calendar, viz.:

2. Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be, and hereby is, authorized, in the name and behalf of the city, to sell at public auction at an upset price of \$5,000, title and interest of the City of Boston in and to the property known as the Old Armory Building, 150 and 152 Maverick street, East Boston, in said Boston, and containing 4,337 square feet of land, more or less, and a two-story wooden building, and to execute and deliver a deed of the same to the purchaser in form satisfactory to the Law Department.

On April 7, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 19, nays 0.

3. Ordered, That the property of the City of Boston, located at Commercial and Battery streets, and formerly in use by the Police Department as Station No. 8, the assessed valuation of the land being \$5.50 per foot, and the building \$1,000, the area of which is 5,323 square feet, be sold at public auction at an upset price equal to the land value, which is \$29,000.

On April 7, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 19, nays 0.

The orders were given their second reading and passage, yeas 20, nays 0.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PARKMAN FUND.

Coun. CURTIS, for the Committee on Parkman Fund, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred March 31) appropriating \$32,000 from Parkman Fund income for improvements in Highland Park, Arnold Arboretum, and for Animals and Birds,—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted, said order passed, yeas 20, nays 0.

APPROPRIATION AND TAX ORDERS.

Coun. WILSON, for the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following:

The budget for the current fiscal year in full segregated form and in substitution for the lump sum recommendations submitted on January 27, 1930, was finally submitted to the City Council by his Honor the Mayor on March 31, 1930, being once more delayed because of that inexplorable paternalism in the government of this Commonwealth which each year at the outset permits the Legislature to delay and hinder the City of Boston in the orderly and proper conduct of its local official business.

The allowances recommended by the Mayor total \$49,501,799.53, representing a reduction of \$3,431,243.71 from original departmental estimates for 1930, and an increase of \$1,918,210.17 above total budget recommendations made in 1929.

From a taxation standpoint the proposed budget for 1930 represents an increase in the tax burden of \$3,733,760.35, or approximately \$1.95 increase in the tax rate. The factors in this increased burden are shown in the following table:

ITEM.	Amount.	Tax Rate.
Shrinkage in "Free Cash," etc.....	\$1,884,742 51	\$0 98
Increase in Personal Service Requirements.....	1,085,073 52	57
Increase in Welfare and Relief Appropriations.....	405,000 00	21
Increase in Debt Requirements.....	256,171 04	14
Miscellaneous.....	102,773 28	05
	\$3,733,760 35	\$1 95

Although on January 1, 1929, there was present in the treasury "Free Cash" available for appropriation purposes in the sum of \$2,786,378.39, at the beginning of this year "Free Cash" in the treasury totaled only \$884,635.88. This shrinkage alone places an additional tax burden, expressed in terms of the tax rate, of approximately 98 cents on the property owners of the city.

Approximately 75 per cent. of the increase in personal service requirements in this year's budget may be attributed to overlay resulting from salary increases granted and new positions established during 1929. The balance of the pay roll increase is caused by salary increases granted under sliding scales to city and county employees, new positions allowed in city and county departments where increased business and activities warrant the same, and increase in appropriations for temporary employees for the purpose of helping to alleviate unemployment conditions in the community. The same conditions are responsible for the increase in Welfare and Relief appropriations distributed by the Public Welfare and Soldiers' Relief Departments.

The increase in debt requirements is caused largely by the continued insistence of the Legislature that loans authorized outside the debt limit in recent years be issued for shorter terms than previously prevailed, thereby unfairly placing a disproportionate burden on present tax payers and those of the more immediate future.

More in detail the committee would point out that by far the greater part of the 1930 increase in the expense of operating the city business is composed of \$672,741.28 in salary increases granted and new positions created by the previous administration in 1929; the sum of \$246,072.47 for new positions in Hospital, Institutions and other departments due to expansion resulting from new building, etc.; \$204,724.89 provided for temporary employees largely to relieve unemployment conditions, as well as for the extra election this year; an increased budget of \$387,198.27 for the Public Welfare Department and \$37,724.88 for Soldiers' Relief Department thereby locally reflecting the continued, nation-wide industrial depression; \$136,797.16 in salary increases for 2,369 of the lowest paid city employees; \$45,000 representing additional pension requirements in Police and Fire Departments for the retirement of the older members of the uniformed forces; \$233,000 additional for food and medical supplies in the hospitals and institutions of the city because of the increase in the number of patients following the construction of new buildings; approximately \$120,000 for necessary trucks in the Paving and the Sanitary Divisions of the Public Works Department, chiefly for replacement of heavy duty trucks purchased four years ago; \$75,000 incident to proper observance of the Tercentenary; \$20,000 additional for increased purchases of books for the Public Library; \$7,000 for correction and codification of birth records in the Registry Department; a similar item of \$6,000 for the modernizing of assessment maps and plans in the Assessing Department; and finally an increase of \$9,500 for the proposed substitution of Edison current at City Hall in place of our own inefficient and worn-out plant, which increased expense, however, should be reflected in a substantial fuel saving.

There were prepared for the committee membership by the Budget Commissioner, detail sheets for each department disclosing in segregated form and covering each of the 3,600 or more items, the actual expenditure for each item in 1927, in 1928, and in 1929, together with the department estimate in each case submitted for 1930, and finally each allowance as made by the present Mayor. Your committee has fully realized its responsibility, and that of the City Council, in checking back allowances of the Mayor made in the light of present department estimates as well as by comparison with expenditures during each of the past three years. It is the opinion of the members of the committee that while the final check of the annual Budget by the City Council is a wise and proper provision in the Charter, in order that the city may be protected against unexplained or improvident increases in any item or items by any department head in any year by any Mayor, yet the Mayor, and especially a Mayor with eight years of previous experience at the head of our City Government, may himself be assumed at the outset to possess a certain degree of intelligence and business efficiency in the operation of the vast business of which he is the Chief Executive. Like-wise department heads, especially with the seal of

Civil Service approval, and with some degree of business training, may be assumed on the average to possess honesty, and administrative ability, fairly comparable even with those critics of our city government who most frequently criticize the City Council for any failure on its part to slash and tear the Mayor's budget.

The Massachusetts Legislature this year in its fixing of a \$16 tax limit has displayed a welcome tendency to place some measure of reliance on our present municipal government, and that confidence to date would appear to have been not wholly misplaced in the light of the use of a tax limit of \$1.50 a thousand below the maximum granted. Your committee hopes that the Legislature in its wisdom will go one step further by granting the requested ten million dollars for street improvements and repairs with a realization that such an appropriation would for once permit the capital city of New England to do more than merely scratch the surface annually in street construction, and incidentally supply employment when work is needed most. In hopeful anticipation that the Legislature will this year permit the requested loan outside the debt limit for this reconstruction and repair of streets, and for sidewalks, only nominal sums have been allotted to those items in the Budget.

At its hearings held on April 9, 10, 11, 15, 16 and 17 there appeared before your committee the head or acting head of every department, both city and county, included in the Budget. While individual opinion may well differ as to the possible advisability of certain increased expenditures, as well as the inadvisability of certain cuts over which we, of course, have no control, your committee, after hearing at length the detailed explanation of each department head, and with the above and expert assistance of the Budget Commissioner, feels that the Budget submitted by the Mayor, particularly in the light of similar expenditures, in most instances, by experienced department heads for each of the past three years, and especially as the initial Budget of a new administration, should pass without further reduction.

In passing, the committee calls attention to the efficient reduction in jury expenses by the present District Attorney of Suffolk County from \$165,000 in 1926 to \$106,640 in 1929; the 1929 profit in the Water Department amounting to \$451,000; the Printing Department net profit of \$23,000 on a business volume of \$364,245; a continued annual Ferry deficit in excess of \$675,000; and a net loss of \$8,058.91 in the Statistics Department chiefly due to the perhaps preferable procedure of the Collecting Department inaugurated three years ago whereby tax sales are advertised by that department in the *City Record* only once at the close of the year.

Other items perhaps worthy of comment by the committee are as follows: The Special Survey on Lighting made last year, at a cost of \$5,650, in the opinion of the present Public Works Commissioner has proved wholly valueless. The total number of nurses now at the Boston City Hospital is 100 in excess of the number one year ago, and present budget provisions assure 30 more graduate nurses during 1930 besides 25 additional nurses at the Sanatorium. An increase this year from \$200 to \$2,000 for witness fees at the Chelsea Court is another reminder of this continued injustice to the tax payers of Boston. In every district court in Suffolk County, except Chelsea, the recent legislative increase of witness fees from 50 cents to \$1.50 has resulted in no increase in the Budget, because fees in those courts are paid out of revenue received from fines, etc. In the Chelsea Court, however, under existing statute, all the revenues which should properly be utilized to absorb this increase must be paid into the treasury of the City of Chelsea. With reference to a continued annual expense averaging \$25,000 for repairs on the boat "Michael J. Perkins" the committee agrees with the Budget Commissioner that early consideration might well be given to replacement of the boat, since this annual cost of repairs alone would almost cover all interest requirements of a loan for a new boat.

The present Institutions Commissioner reports that the pulverizing units and new boilers recently installed at the Long Island Hospital, at a total cost in excess of \$185,000, are highly dangerous and should never have been installed. A later request for funds this year to rectify the situation may mean an additional appropriation for that department as high as \$100,000.

The Traffic Commission, created only last year,

has already grown to a budget amounting to \$271,838.70, with 61 employees. There may well be grave doubt as to the practical advisability or efficiency of creating any such commission of five members, four of whom are each at the head of some other important and busy department, viz., Police, Public Works, Park Department, and Board of Street Commissioners.

The report of the chairman of the Finance Commission made incident to his urgent request for an additional item of \$10,000 for an investigation of the School Department discloses a surprising ten-year increase in school expenditures from \$7,495,052 in 1918 to \$20,307,391 in 1928, which would appear to justify the request made.

The committee has appreciated the courteous and helpful cooperation of the Budget Commissioner as well as the assistance of those members of the Council who have been able to attend any or all of the committee meetings.

In closing the committee would point out that out of a total City Budget amounting to \$35,189,249.12 the sum of \$21,179,674.62 represents personal service, viz., salary and wages; out of the total \$3,596,837.22 comprising the County Budget, \$2,183,132.95 represents personal service. In short, 60 per cent of the appropriations subject to Council review cover compensation paid for services rendered by City and County employees.

Mr. Pratt, representing the Good Government Association, sat in at all hearings before your committee, and at the close of the final session made the following comment, "In the first place I would like to say out of fairness that I think this is one of the best budgets that has been submitted to the City Council. On the whole I think it is fairly water tight, and I think the committee has gone into it very intelligently,—if the committee has no objections I would like to speak first of four fairly general things which might not show any general reflection in the Budget for 1930 but which might offer an opportunity for economies at some future date." Mr. Pratt first called attention to the apparent economic waste of space taken up by stairways and elevators at City Hall in a district with floor space worth not less than \$3 per square foot. Second, he commented on the undoubted extra expense incurred through contract painting, carpentry and general repair work in City Hall and at the Suffolk County Court House where savings might be well effected through the use of permanent employees for the purpose in departments similarly situated. Third, he commented on the rapidly mounting personal service item in the Police Department from \$3,720,000 in 1925 to \$5,285,000 in 1930, largely due, of course, to the addition of 425 more men during the past four years as well as by sliding scale salary increases, but extension of which in the future, he pointed out, might be somewhat minimized by further motorization in the Police Department. Fourth, in commenting on the \$90,000 annual expense for the fast depreciating vessels "Hibbard," "Minot," and "Perkins," Mr. Pratt suggested the advisability of an early purchase of two fast, adequate boats in substitution for the three expensive antiques now in use. Among general items he finally pointed out the recurrent annual "slack" in the personal service items of the Fire Department and Hospital Department with a suggestion that the average annual "slack" consistently in excess of \$20,000 in each department over the past five years might properly warrant a reduction in these items of next year's Budget.

Particularly with reference to the initial annual Budget of a new administration, the committee is inclined to concur with the not wholly expected but nevertheless fair and welcome comment of the representative of the Good Government Association, and without change or deduction reports back to the Council that the 1930 estimates submitted by his Honor the Mayor "ought to pass."

ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.,
Chairman.

HERMAN L. BUSH.
TIMOTHY F. DONOVAN.
JOHN I. FITZGERALD.
THOMAS H. GREEN.
JOSEPH McGRATH.
ISRAEL RUBY.

AMOUNTS ALLOWED FOR 1930.

	Allowed.
Art Department.....	\$1,215 00
Assessing Department.....	353,132 58
Auditing Department.....	81,101 45
Boston Retirement Board.....	30,074 94
Boston Traffic Commission.....	217,971 63
Budget Department.....	12,364 00
Building Department.....	271,838 70
Board of Appeal.....	12,046 00
Board of Examiners.....	5,355 00
City Clerk Department.....	52,075 89
City Council.....	76,061 19
City Council Proceedings.....	12,750 00
City Documents.....	50,000 00
City Planning Board.....	34,275 64
Collecting Department.....	195,203 29
Election Department.....	251,193 31
Finance Commission.....	60,000 00
Fire Department.....	4,678,783 45
Wire Division.....	104,641 87
Health Department.....	1,077,767 50
Hospital Department.....	2,904,382 58
Sanatorium Division.....	561,884 97
Institutions Department:	
Central Office.....	55,008 80
Child Welfare Division.....	251,219 53
Long Island Hospital.....	720,589 84
Steamer "George A. Hibbard," and launch "James J. Minot,"	
Rainsford Island, care of.....	1,800 00
Law Department.....	116,167 42
Library Department.....	1,173,144 00
Licensing Board.....	33,190 15
Market Department.....	17,557 67
Mayor, Office Expenses.....	103,439 74
Public Celebrations.....	100,000 00
Centenary Celebration.....	75,000 00
Park Department.....	1,817,754 75
Cemetery Division.....	182,873 22
Police Department.....	6,141,792 13
Public Buildings Department.....	644,868 42
Public Welfare Department:	
Central Office.....	* 130,457 33
Temporary Home.....	13,715 00
Wayfarers' Lodge.....	20,840 00
Public Works Department:	
Central Office.....	92,658 81
Bridge Service.....	480,890 49
Ferry Service.....	561,553 00
Lighting Service.....	1,019,206 43
Paving Service.....	1,819,113 40
Sanitary Service.....	3,382,854 25
Sewer Service.....	751,675 70
Registry Department.....	65,332 82
Reserve Fund.....	500,000 00
Sinking Funds Department.....	3,300 00
Soldiers' Relief Department.....	† 77,685 43
Statistics Department.....	22,205 32
Street Laying-Out Department.....	200,602 49
Supply Department.....	52,077 34
Treasury Department.....	76,034 73
Weights and Measures Department.....	49,241 92
Bridges, Repairs, etc.....	100,000 00
Granolithic sidewalks.....	25,000 00
Reconstructing and repairing streets by contract.....	250,000 00
Reconstructing and repairing park- ways by contract.....	40,000 00
Street signs.....	15,000 00
	\$32,264,249 12
Amount previously appropriated for Public Welfare and Soldiers' Relief Departments.....	2,925,000 00
City Debt Requirements.....	\$35,189,249 12

* Order for \$2,625,000 voted by City Council
March 31, 1930.

† Order for \$300,000 voted by City Council,
March 31, 1930.

	Allowed.
Suffolk County Courthouse (Cus- todian).....	\$185,033 62
Suffolk County Courthouse (County Buildings).....	97,260 00
County Buildings.....	115,850 32
Jail.....	258,374 71
Supreme Judicial Court.....	61,463 75
Superior Court, Civil Session (Gen- eral Expenses).....	572,717 00
Superior Court, Civil Session (Clerk's Office).....	171,684 75

	Allowed.		Allowed.
Superior Court, Criminal Session,	\$469,470 19	Associate Medical Examiner,	\$1,875 00
Probate Court.....	23,599 00	Southern Division.....	
Municipal Court.....	427,091 00	Miscellaneous Expenses:	
Municipal Court, Charlestown Dis-		Auditing Department.....	955 00
trict.....	33,760 60	Collecting Department.....	1,400 00
East Boston District Court.....	31,471 75	Sheriff.....	3,200 00
Municipal Court, South Boston		Treasury.....	5,740 00
District.....	26,759 95	Granite Avenue Bridge.....	5,936 70
Municipal Court, Dorchester Dis-		Social Law Library.....	1,000 00
trict.....	31,507 92	Penal Institutions Department:	
Municipal Court, Roxbury Dis-		Office Expenses.....	38,762 50
trict.....	80,336 60	House of Correction.....	458,724 68
Municipal Court, West Roxbury		Steamer "Michael J. Perkins".....	68,055 67
District.....	32,813 25		<u>\$3,596,837 22</u>
Municipal Court, Brighton Dis-		County Debt Requirements.....	<u>\$154,936 29</u>
trict.....	19,912 38	Printing Department.....	<u>\$479,146 37</u>
Boston Juvenile Court.....	28,734 60	City Record, Publication of.....	<u>\$35,942 03</u>
District Court of Chelsea.....	37,471 09	Public Works Department:	
Registry of Deeds.....	195,803 86	Water Service.....	\$1,736,482 79
Index Commissioners.....	27,023 00	Collecting Department, Water	
Insanity Cases.....	30,115 00	Division.....	70,164 32
Land Court.....	7,175 00	Water Service, debt requirements.	259,295 00
Medical Examiner Service, North-			<u>\$2,065,942 11</u>
ern Division.....	26,985 00		
Medical Examiner Service, South-			
ern Division.....	16,763 33		
Associate Medical Examiner,			
Northern Division.....	2,010 00		

RECAPITULATION OF AMOUNTS ALLOWED FOR 1930.

From taxes:		
For city purposes within the tax limit.....	\$35,189,249 12	
City debt requirements.....	7,979,746 39	\$43,168,995 51
For County of Suffolk purposes.....	\$3,596,837 22	
County debt requirements.....	154,936 29	3,751,773 51
City and County total.....		<u>\$46,920,769 02</u>
From revenue:		
Printing Department.....	\$479,146 37	
City Record, Publication of.....	35,942 03	
Public Works Department, Water Service.....	1,736,482 79	
Collecting Department, Water Division.....	70,164 32	
Water Service, Debt Requirements.....	259,295 00	2,581,030 51
Grand total.....		<u>\$49,501,799 53</u>

BASIS OF ESTIMATES, 1929.

Average valuation, \$1,909,255,300.	
\$12.75 on the thousand brings.....	\$24,343,005 07
Estimated income and cash in treasury.....	9,315,378 39
Amount available for appropriation inside tax limit.....	<u>\$33,658,383 46</u>

BASIS OF ESTIMATES, 1930.

Average valuation, *\$1,948,713,046.	
\$16 on the thousand brings.....	\$31,179,408 74
Estimated income and cash in treasury.....	7,430,635 88
Amount available for appropriation inside tax limit.....	<u>\$38,610,044 62</u>

* As authorized by chapter 244, Acts of 1930.

APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX ORDERS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1930.

Ordered, That to meet the current expenses payable during the financial year beginning with the first day of January, 1930, for performing the duties and exercising the powers devolved by statute or ordinance, or by vote of the City Council during the year, upon the City of Boston or County of Suffolk, or the departments or officers thereof, and to meet their obligations for interest on debt, sinking fund requirements and maturing debt not provided for by sinking fund, the respective sums of money specified in the tables and schedules hereinafter set out be and the same are hereby appropriated for the several departments and for the objects and purposes hereinafter stated.

Ordered, That the appropriations for Water Service current expenses and the payment to the state under the provisions of chapter 488 of the Acts of 1895, and acts in addition or amendment thereto, and for the interest and debt requirements or for loans issued for water purposes be met by the income of said works and any excess over income from taxes; that the appropriation for Printing Department be met by the department

income and any excess over income from taxes; and the appropriation for *City Record* be met by the income of said publication and any excess over income from taxes; that the other appropriations hereinafter specified be met out of the money remaining in the treasury at the close of business on December 31, 1929, exclusive of the money raised by loan or needed to carry out the requirements of any statute, gift, trust or special appropriation, and by the income of the financial year beginning January 1, 1930, and taxes to the amount of \$36,565,133.14, and that said amount be raised by taxation on the polls and estates in the City of Boston.

Ordered, That all sums of money which form no part of the income of the city but shall be paid for services rendered or work done by any department or division for any other department or division, or for any person or corporation other than the City of Boston, be paid into the general treasury, and that all contributions made to any appropriation be expended for the objects and purposes directed by the several contributors thereof.

Ordered, That all taxes raised to meet the appropriations of the city and county and all

taxes assessed for meeting the city's proportion of the state tax for the year 1930, be due and payable on the fifteenth day of September, 1930; that interest shall be charged on all taxes remaining unpaid after the second day of October, 1930, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 59, section 57, of the General Laws, until paid, except the taxes assessed upon shares of national banks, which shall bear interest at the rate of 12 per cent per annum from the fifteenth day of September, 1930, until paid; and that all interest which shall have become due on taxes shall be added to and be part of such taxes.

Ordered, That except as the appropriation for any purpose or item shall be increased by additional appropriations or transfers lawfully made no money shall be expended by any department for any of the purposes or items designated in the tables and schedules hereinafter set out in excess of the amount set down as appropriated for such specific purpose or item; and except as aforesaid no salaries or wages shall be paid in excess of the rate specified in said tables and schedules.

Coun. McGRATH—Mr. President, I don't think there is a great deal to add to what the chairman of the Committee on Appropriations has already said. I think the committee report speaks for itself. I think that the chairman of this committee is entitled to the praise of the members of the Council, not only for his very constructive and intelligent report, but because of the way in which he handled the hearings this year. When we consider that there are 3,600 items to be considered by the committee and when we realize that every department item was explained either by the head of the department or some member of the department, we can appreciate how well this matter was covered. The various department heads in submitting their budgets were told that they would have to prune it, and yet after they pruned it and submitted it to his Honor the Mayor he cut it a further three and one-half millions, so that when it was received by the City Council Committee on Appropriations there was very little left for us to do. However, I feel that there is one item there that may call for a little explanation on the part of certain members of the committee, and that is the one in reference to an additional appropriation for the Finance Commission. As a member of the committee, I feel that we have had enough for the present of investigations that tend towards charges of corruption and graft, in this tercentenary year, when we are attempting to put our best foot forward and show the citizens of the rest of the country that Boston has something to offer, other than investigations that ruin the names of good citizens, with nothing else resulting. So I was sufficiently interested to question the head of the Finance Commission and ask him what the nature of this investigation was going to be. As the report of the chairman has well pointed out, the increase in the curriculum of the schools, together with the other appropriations, has caused an increase of 175 per cent in the last ten years. The head of the Finance Commission assured us that the investigation was not for the purpose of smirching some men's reputations but was for the sole purpose of attempting to curb the fads and fancies that have sprung up in our school system, and which, as result, have added such a tremendous expenditure to the entire city budget. He referred to the fact that it aimed at waste and extravagance, rather than corruption, and he thought it could be very well looked into from the standpoint of curtailing the various appropriations. Now, the reasons why I appreciate so thoroughly the thought and work behind this report as submitted to you by the chairman of the committee today is because I believe that the chief work of the Council every year is the consideration of the budget, and no matter how much consideration the heads of departments and the Mayor will give to a budget, there are always elements in the community who feel that a budget is surrounded with secrecy and suspicion. And so, when we hold meetings such as we have held here for a period of five days, where all the representatives of the press are invited and at which the chief critic, the Good Government Association, has a representative, and when every item is gone over closely and we get constructive criticism, I believe that when the budget is finally adopted no citizen of Boston who is interested enough to come here can doubt or challenge the various items. And so I think the policy adopted by the City Council committee in making the hearing an open one and listening to the suggestions of those interested in the budget

has a tendency to arouse confidence on the part of the public generally in the work of the City Council and of the members of the committee on the matter.

Coun. NORTON—Mr. President, I would move a vote of confidence in Chairman Wilson.

President LYNCH—The motion is out of order at the present time.

Coun. HEIN—Mr. President, if I remember rightly, when the Public Library Department was here before the committee, one of the items in the budget of that department was \$10,000 that they wanted to use for repairs, and the chairman of the Trustees was asked if they intended to let out the work by bids. The answer was no, that they did not, that it was going to the original builder—as if they knew now who the original builder was! The architects happened to be McKim, Mead and White of New York. But the work on that library dates back to August, 1888. So it looks at present as if it were possible that no builders in this city will get five cents worth of work. I certainly think that before we grant that item of \$10,000 we should have some assurance as to whether they are going to let that work out on bids.

The report was accepted, and the budget orders were passed, yeas 21, nays 0.

NEW STEAMBOAT FOR PENAL INSTITUTIONS DEPARTMENT.

Coun. MAHONEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Penal Institutions Commissioner for the purchase of a new steamboat to replace the steamer "Michael J. Perkins," and that to meet such expense the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, at the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

RECESS.

A recess was taken, on motion of Coun. ENGLERT, subject to the call of the Chair, at 2.45 p. m.

The members reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by President LYNCH at 3.18 p. m.

COMMITTEE ON SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Coun. MAHONEY, for the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, submitted report recommending passage of order for payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the City of Boston for month of April, 1930.

Report accepted; said order passed.

SALE OF LAND, DEXTER STREET.

Coun. McGRATH, for the Committee on Public Lands, submitted report on message of Mayor and order (referred August 12, 1929) in regard to sale of land on Dexter street, recommending passage of same, in accompanying new draft, viz.:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized in the name and behalf of the City of Boston to sell at public auction at an upset price of three thousand one hundred fifty dollars all the right, title and interest of the City of Boston in and to a parcel of land situate in Charlestown on the northeasterly side of Dexter street at the corner of said Dexter street and Alford street, containing four thousand eight hundred thirty square feet of land, more or less, and execute and deliver a deed of the said parcel of land to the purchaser of said land in form satisfactory to the Law Department of the City of Boston.

Report accepted, said order passed, yeas 20, nays 0.

STANDEES IN BUSES.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I rise to a point of information. Do I understand that action on

the proposed ordinance with reference to standees in buses has been postponed at the request of the Elevated?

President LYNCH—The Chair has no information about that. Perhaps the chairman of the Executive Committee can tell us.

Coun. MAHONEY—Mr. President, I would say in answer to the councilor from Dorchester that last week, through action taken by the Executive Committee, Mr. Dana, the general manager of the Elevated, was notified to be here today at one o'clock. I understand, however, from the Clerk of Committees that he sent word that he would be in conference with the chairman of the Carmen's Union. So, upon the petition you are now referring to, we hope to have him here next week.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I have no quarrel with the Elevated Trustees nor with the men of the Union. I have very high regard for both factions. My only point, however, is to give passengers a chance to sit down. I would, however, request a report on this matter at our next meeting, whether the local civil war is settled or not. So I would ask the committee to report back at that time. I don't think the only thing to be considered here is the war between contending factions, regardless of the respect we have for either side. I think the people who ride in buses are the ones who are mostly interested.

REPAVING OF FORT AVENUE.

Coun. ENGLERT offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave Fort Avenue, Ward 11, with smooth paving.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK ON ROSEDALE STREET.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along 50 Rosedale street, Ward 17, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 106 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

COPIES OF PROPOSED REPORT OF CITY PLANNING BOARD.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Planning Board through his Honor the Mayor be, and said Board hereby is, respectfully requested to furnish the City Council with copies of the proposed Report of the City Planning Board with reference to a comprehensive plan of street improvements.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, with reference to that particular order, it was brought out in the hearings before the Budget Committee that the City Planning Board, after laborious efforts for the last two and one half or three years, and after rather substantial expense, has now finished a rather unique survey of the streets throughout the City of Boston. I would suggest that some of the persons most interested in procuring street improvements are people elected as city councilors to represent the different wards of this city, and that they could very well use copies of this report.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

ADDITIONAL PORTABLE BAND STANDS.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner through his Honor the Mayor be, and he hereby is, respectfully requested to purchase or have constructed an adequate number of portable band stands adequately to take care of city requirements.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, information was brought out at the committee meetings of the Appropriations Committee that at present there are seven of these portable band stands under the jurisdiction of the Park Department. This may

seem a simple matter, but to those of us who are looking for concert facilities on the Fourth of July and other holidays, and who have considerable trouble and have to indulge in a good deal of telephoning throughout the city and to various departments, in connection with each man getting concerts for his ward, it is important. We understand from the Park Commissioner that this is a matter that might more properly be handled by the Commissioner of Public Works. These portable stands cost, I understand, but \$1,200 to \$1,400 apiece, being such a small matter that it would seem that the city can well afford to use a few more of the stands. The Public Works Department is suggested because its yards are distributed throughout the city, and each ward will thereby be enabled to get fair treatment on each holiday.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

TAXICABS IN BOSTON.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council be hereby recorded as favoring the location and control of taxicabs on the streets of this city by the Traffic Commission of the City of Boston.

Resolved, That the City Council be hereby recorded as opposed to Senate Bill No. 240, with reference to the location and control of taxicab stands in the City of Boston.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, the purpose of introducing these two resolutions at this time is in view of the situation which from the newspapers I understand exists in the Massachusetts Legislature, in reference to the taxicab situation in the City of Boston. As I understand it, there are now two bills before the Legislature—one the bill of Representative Finnegan, in the House, and the second the Senate Bill, which I have referred to, in the second order which has been read, following the report of the majority of the Special Commission that went into the question last summer, and carrying out the recommendations of the senator from Waltham and the representatives from Chelsea and New Bedford, as to the manner and means by which traffic will be regulated in the streets of the City of Boston in so far as taxicabs are concerned. I have every regard for gentlemen who represent out-of-town constituencies in the Legislature, but, unfortunately, perhaps, I am one of those who still feel that the City of Boston should have something to say in reference to the way in which its own affairs are handled. Even though perhaps in state politics I belong to the majority party which is largely responsible for taking home rule from Boston, yet it strikes me as most peculiar that this city should be the one city in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, if I am correctly informed, which is not given a large measure of home rule. I believe it is the one city which has its building ordinance and building regulations controlled by state statute, that it is the only city in the state of Massachusetts that has its police department run for it by the state, with doubtful success; and now, they are proposing to take charge of the taxicab situation here, allowing outsiders—with all due respect to representatives who reside in Waltham, New Bedford or elsewhere, to tell us whether we can have public or private stands on the streets in the City of Boston, and how many of them. I understand that the Senate Bill, which has gone to a second reading, provides that taxicabs in the City of Boston shall be automatically restricted to 3,000 in number. It seems to me that the Senate Bill carries the entire situation to a ridiculous extent, not only telling us whether we shall have private or public stands, but telling us how many taxicabs we can have at stands in the City of Boston. For that reason, I would like to see a unanimous vote of the City Council, first in opposition to the Senate Bill, which has at last reached a second reading, and second, I believe, and in this I am supported by Representative Finnegan and also by former Councilor and present Senator Parkman, that the matter should be placed in the hands of the Traffic Commissioner of the City of Boston, not the Police Commissioner. I believe it should be placed in the hands of a City of Boston official and not in the hands of one appointed by the Legislature, the Governor or anybody else. I feel that the City of Boston should properly handle its own police, and it seems to me high time that the Massachusetts Legislature should realize that the City of Boston is no longer wearing short pants.

The resolutions were adopted under suspension of the rule.

SECTIONS OF ADDITIONAL WIDTH, EAST BOSTON TUNNEL.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Transit Commission through his Honor the Mayor—in the actual construction of the proposed East Boston Tunnel,—be, and said Commission hereby is, requested to provide for sections of additional tunnel width substantially every 500 feet to allow an approximately regular flow of traffic through the proposed tunnel even in cases of tie-up or accident.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, this may seem like rushing the mourners, or participating in a funeral ceremony, to again pass an order in regard to the now famous but long delayed East Boston Tunnel. Whatever disposition may have been made of the matter last week, however, it seems to me that at least the proper width of the tunnel is a matter that can very well come up and be provided for at this time, as a matter of proper care of traffic conditions in connection with the tunnel. Therefore, I am making this one last effort. I do not feel that it is too late, because last June, when we were called upon to accept the tunnel act, and last fall, when we were told by the former Corporation Counsel that once signed the plans could not be changed again, nevertheless, there followed in last November a hearing upon it by the Public Works Department at the State House, who sent down to us notice of the hearing on November 29. If that could be done after the plans had been signed, it occurs to me that it still is not too late to urge that the new plans shall contain a provision for proper width of the tunnel between curbs. We all remember what Colonel Sullivan said last year in regard to the proper width of such a tunnel to carry traffic, and we all know Colonel Sullivan's reputation as an expert and an engineer; and we also know that what he said at that time was substantiated by Mr. Harriman, whose opinion at that time as an expert must have amounted to something. They both said, and they stood only three feet away from him here when they said it,

that the tunnel should be 22 feet in width. So I still urge that 22 feet in width. But if we cannot have that provision in the tunnel—which I understand was to be 5,200 feet in length, a little under a mile, and is now to be 5,400 feet in length, something over a mile,—we should at least make a provision that in every 500 feet or so an arrangement may be so that if there is a blockage, a breakdown of a vehicle, there will be some way to take it out, and that the driver of the vehicle which may break down within a quarter of a mile of East Boston, may not have to wait until he grows old for the traffic jam to be cleared.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

PRINTING LIST OF STREETS.

Coun. POWER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Printing be, and he hereby is, authorized to print an edition of 3,000 copies, bound in cloth, of "Boston's Streets, also its Avenues, Courts, Places, etc.," and that the expense of the same be charged to the appropriation for city documents.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK ON RIVER STREET.

Coun. NORTON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along River street, both sides, from Duxbury road about 105 feet westerly, Ward 18, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

Adjourned, at 3.34 p. m., on motion of Coun. COX, to meet on Monday, April 28, 1930, at 2 p. m.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, April 28, 1930.

Regular meeting of the City Council in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President LYNCH in the chair. Absent, Coun. Dowd.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted appointments for the term ending April 30, 1931, viz.:

Constables.

Constables: George M. Hughes, 19 Burney street, Roxbury; Maurice Levine, 73 Erie street, Dorchester.

Weighers of Goods: Thomas J. O'Connor, 286 Rutherford avenue, Charlestown; H. D. Owl, 16 Macallen street, Boston; Beecher McLean, 3 Monadnock street, Dorchester.

Severally laid over a week under the law.

USE OF EAST BOSTON AIRPORT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 28, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, regarding the privilege of the Naval Air Station at Squantum to use the East Boston Airport. This is in reply to your order of April 14, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, April 23, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I am in receipt of an order from the City Council, requesting information whether the United States Navy planes and the planes of the Naval Air Station at Squantum are allowed the use of the East Boston Airport, etc.

The navy has the use of the airport as far as is consistent with safety. The use of the airport is increasing and conditions arise when it would be unwise for student aviators to practice landings. I desire to say that this department is the best judge of when it is safe for the naval authorities to use the field.

Arrangements have been made through Philip Andrews, Rear-Admiral, United States Navy, whereby the commanding officer at Squantum, when he desires to use the airport, communicates with the superintendent, and landings can only be practiced when same are authorized by this department.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

Placed on file.

SPOT LIGHT, COMMONWEALTH AVENUE AND GORHAM STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 28, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Michael H. Crowley, Acting Police Commissioner, regarding the matter of installing a spotlight at Commonwealth avenue and Gorham street. This communication is in reply to your order of April 14, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Police Department,

Office of the Commissioner, April 22, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor,—In further reference to the order of the City Council, forwarded by Mr. Reardon of your office, regarding the matter of installing a spotlight at Commonwealth avenue and Gorham street, Ward 21, I am sending you herewith copies of reports of Deputy Superintendent Thomas F. Goode and Capt. James Laffey, both of whom approve the installation of a spotlight at this location.

In accordance with the recommendation of Deputy Goode, I am sending copy of the order of the City Council, and copies of the reports of Deputy Goode and Captain Laffey to the Traffic Commissioner for his consideration.

I am returning herewith the original order of the City Council, copy of which has been kept for the files of this office.

Very truly yours,
MICHAEL H. CROWLEY,
Acting Police Commissioner.

City of Boston,
Police Department, April 18, 1930.

To the Superintendent.

Sir,—In connection with attached communication from W. J. Doyle, City Clerk, concerning the installing of a spotlight for the traffic officer at Commonwealth avenue and Gorham street as recommended by Councilor Hein of Ward 21, I respectfully report that we formerly had a spotlight at this location which was installed for the purpose of protecting the traffic officer and for the guidance of operators of motor vehicles and for the pedestrians, but this spotlight was so little used, in accordance with the meter readings, that the Traffic Commission took out this spotlight and, on our recommendation, installed the same at Washington street and Commonwealth avenue where such a light was badly needed.

At the present time Division 14 covers the location at Gorham street from 7.30 to 8.15 p. m. and from 10.15 to 11 p. m. each night for the protection of the public going to and coming from the Capitol Theater.

It is a dangerous spot for both the officer and the public and I so stated when this spotlight was originally installed at this location, and I respectfully recommend that this matter be forwarded to the Traffic Commissioner for his consideration and I approve of the installation.

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS F. GOODE,
Deputy Superintendent.

City of Boston,
Police Department, April 19, 1930.

To the Superintendent.

Sir,—In reference to the communication received from the office of the Mayor of Boston, that the Commissioner of Police be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install a spotlight for the traffic officer at Commonwealth avenue and Gorham street, Ward 21.

I find that the traffic post at Commonwealth avenue and Gorham street, Ward 21, is covered by a patrolman attached to Division 14, before and after the performance at the Olympia Theater.

In my opinion for the safety of the officer and the public, a spotlight should be installed at Commonwealth avenue and Gorham street, Ward 21.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES LAFFEY,
Captain, Division 21.

Placed on file.

OPINION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL
IN RE TAXICAB STANDS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 25, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I beg to forward herewith opinion handed down by the Corporation Counsel in response to order adopted by your honorable body under date of March 3, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Law Department, March 25, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston,

Dear Sir,—In compliance with the order as made by the City Council of the city, which was passed March 3, 1930, a copy of which order I hereto annex, I herewith submit my advice to the Special City Council Committee on taxi stands with reference to the questions propounded in the order:

(1.) Taxicab locations now granted are granted by the Police Commissioner under Rule 53 of the Rules and Regulations of the Police Department of the City of Boston for the year 1927, which is made by virtue of the authority contained in chapter 244 of the Acts of the year 1878, in chapter 323 of the Acts of the year 1885, and in chapter 291 of the Acts of the year 1906, and section 4 of said Rule 53, which is particularly applicable, is as follows:

"The police commissioner may assign to any person or corporation licensed to set up and use a hackney carriage, a place as a special stand for such licensed hackney carriage, and the owner of more than one licensed hackney carriage may keep any of his licensed hackney carriages on a stand assigned to him, but not exceeding at any time the number specified for each place. No such special stand shall be assigned or granted to any person who is not the owner of such licensed hackney carriage. Permits for special stands will be issued as distinct from licenses of owners or drivers and may be revoked, suspended or transferred without affecting the validity of such licenses."

There is no provision for the charging of a rental or fee for such stand.

(2.) The legal authority for the granting of a taxi-cab stand on a public street in the City of Boston is vested at the present time in the Police Commissioner and not in the Board of Street Commissioners.

(3.) The Police Commissioner has the authority to grant a license for a taxicab stand on any public street in the City of Boston by virtue of the provisions of chapter 244 of the Acts of the year 1878, and as further provided by chapter 323 of the Acts of the year 1885 and by chapter 291 of the Acts of the year 1906. These acts give the Police Commissioner power to make rules and regulations as regards licenses and stands for taxicabs, and Rule 53 above quoted has been legally passed by the Police Commissioner.

(4.) The Board of Street Commissioners has no authority to grant a license for a taxicab stand in any public street in the City of Boston.

(5.) The owners or lessees of hotel buildings in the City of Boston have no authority by such ordinance or act of the Legislature to charge rentals or fees for the use of adjacent city streets in the City of Boston.

(6.) See answer to the first question propounded in the order.

(7.) The authority to grant licenses for taxicab stands is vested in the Police Commissioner and if he acts in good faith he has a right to grant exclusive stands at such locations to particular individuals or corporations.

(8.) (a.) So far as Question 8 is concerned, if it relates to taxicab stands being licensed by the Police Commissioner, he has a right to restrict the parking of automobiles in any part of any public street. If it relates to motor vehicles other than for taxicab stands, that authority is vested in the Traffic Commission.

(b.) If your question relates to the exclusive use of any public way for a taxicab stand, the Police Commissioner has the right to grant a license for such stand, but there is no authority in law for the owner of property immediately adjacent to charge a fee or rental for such purpose.

(9.) The answer to (a), (b) and (c) is that the procedure to which you refer it is possible to prevent by the passage of appropriate legislation.

(10) and (11.) In connection with Questions (10) and (11) I refer you to my answer to Question (1), which is my answer to (10) and (11).

The powers of the Police Commissioner of Boston as to the suspension and revocation of licenses granted to drive hackney carriages was treated by our Supreme Court in the case of *Rafferty v. Police Commissioner of Boston* in 259 Mass., page 145. The question of the licensing of taxicab stands in public highways was treated in the case of *Morley v. Police Commissioner of Boston* by our Supreme Court in 261 Mass., page 269, and at page 276 it was said:

"The right to engage in the business of carrying people for hire upon public ways is subject to reasonable control. The police commissioner had authority to make rules and regulations concerning this business. The power to regulate the business gives the power to require those engaged in it to be licensed. . . . The holder takes it subject to the right of suspension and revocation authorized by statute, and subject to the rules and regulations and to the express conditions made a part of the license. . . . The designation of stands for carriages licensed to transport passengers for hire would be a useless ceremony unless the drivers were required to operate from the stands designated. . . . The designation of stands and the requirement that licensees maintain service at them are justified for reasons based on the public welfare and convenience."

Very truly yours,
SAMUEL SILVERMAN,
Corporation Counsel.

Placed on file.

LEASE OF OLD STATE HOUSE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, April 28, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith a communication from the Corporation Counsel and an order for the leasing of the Old State House to the Bostonian Society for a period of twenty years. The building has been in the care of this society, subject to the control of the city by the Mayor and the Superintendent of Public Buildings, for a long period, and the state contributes to the society annually a sum for the maintenance of the building. I know of no better way of preserving this historical building as a memorial of the founders of our state and city than by continuing it in the custody of this organization.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Law Department, April 28, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor,—I am inclosing herewith an order to be presented to the City Council, authorizing the Mayor of Boston to sign a lease of the Old State House, at the corner of Washington street and State street, running to the Bostonian Society for a period of twenty years. This society is now occupying the Old State House under a lease which expires on the 17th day of May, 1930, and which was for a period of twenty years. The society is now desirous of renewing this lease for a similar period. If your Honor has no objection to this lease being renewed, will you kindly send this order to the Council today, as the present lease will expire before the Council will have been able to pass the necessary votes and readings.

Very truly yours,
SAMUEL SILVERMAN,
Corporation Counsel.

City of Boston.
In City Council.

Whereas, By chapter 385 of the Acts of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the year 1907, the Legislature of the said Commonwealth ordered that the Old State House at the corner of Washington street and State street in said Boston should be preserved as a historical memorial, and that no part thereof should be used for commercial or business purposes; and

Whereas, By an instrument in writing dated May 17, 1910, the said premises were leased to the Bostonian Society, a corporation organized under the Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the purposes set forth in the Charter of said Bostonian Society for a period of twenty years, and at an annual rental of one hundred (100) dollars, under the terms and conditions set forth in said lease; and

Whereas, The said Bostonian Society is desirous of leasing the said premises for a further period of twenty years at the same rental;

Now, Therefore, it is Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized to execute and deliver to the Bostonian Society, in the name and behalf of the City of Boston and in form satisfactory to the Law Department of the said City of Boston, a lease wherein the said City

of Boston leases to the said Bostonian Society the Old State House situated at the corner of said Washington street and said State street, for a term of twenty years at an annual rental of one hundred (100) dollars, the said lease to be upon such terms and conditions and with such reservations as his Honor the Mayor may deem expedient.

Referred to Committee on Public Lands.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Patrick C. Bruno, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Brookline avenue.

Benjamin Canner, for compensation for damage to property at 802 Washington street, caused by leak in water pipe.

Albert Frey, for refund on refuse tickets.

Clara E. Iverson, for compensation for damage to car by city car.

Helena M. Lydon, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Hyde Park avenue.

Elizabeth F. McArdle, for compensation for damage to property at 162 Corey street, caused by grading of street.

William McGilvray, for compensation for loss of clothing at City Hospital.

Herbert P. Smith, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Saratoga street.

Mrs. Emma Whitaker, for compensation for injuries received in City Hospital.

Executive.

Petition for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement, viz.:

John I. Fitzgerald, Blackstone School Hall, April 28, 29, 1930.

Ramona Hawkins, Brown Hall, May 26, 1930.

Petition of Katherine A. Lennon for the payment of an annuity on account of the death of her husband, Edward J. Lennon, police officer of the City of Boston.

NOTICE OF INTEREST IN CONTRACTS.

Notice was received from Joseph A. Tomasello, member of the Board of Appeal, of interest in contracts awarded A. G. Tomasello & Son, Inc., viz.:

Filling and sanding on beach at World War Memorial Park, East Boston.

Furnishing and setting granite edgestone in Back Bay Fens.

Placed on file.

SIDEWALK ASSESSMENTS.

Notices were received from the Commissioner of Public Works showing cost of constructing artificial stone sidewalks, with accompanying schedule showing names of owners of record of estates bordering thereon, and orders covering assessment of one half of total cost, viz.:

	Half Cost.
Monastery road, Ward 21.....	\$1,480 29
Dresden street, Ward 19.....	65 86
Harris avenue, Ward 19.....	701 45
Clive street, Ward 19.....	176 85

The orders were severally passed under suspension of the rule.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS PAY ROLL.

The pay roll of the Registry of Deeds for the period from March 17 to April 19, for piece work (A-2 and A-3) and regular employees from April 16 to April 30, to the amount of \$9,204.12, was received and approved.

ASSISTANT CLERK, DORCHESTER COURT.

Coun. RUBY offered the following:

Ordered, That chapter 152 of the Acts of 1930 entitled "An Act Establishing the Office of Second

Assistant Clerk in the Municipal Court of the District of the City of Boston," be, and the same hereby is, accepted.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

REWARD IN RE KILLING OF FRANKLIN B. DWYER.

Coun. KELLY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be authorized to offer a reward of \$500 for the detection of the person who shot and killed Franklin B. Dwyer, a member of the Police Department of the City of Boston.

Coun. KELLY—Mr. President, a few nights ago an officer in my district left his home at 1 a. m. to do police duty. Three hours later he was fatally wounded by a burglar whom he was attempting to apprehend. A day and a half later he died at the City Hospital, leaving a wife and three children, the youngest but six weeks old. The captain and the police of my district, Station 11, have done everything within their power to apprehend the murderer. They have run down every clue, but to date without result. So, Mr. President, I introduce this order. I have worded it so as to include the amount of \$500, the maximum, I understand, that we are allowed to spend in such a case, and provide that it shall be given to the person who simply detects the murderer. No conviction is necessary. I am sure that when his Honor the Mayor gets the order before him he will sign it. Therefore, as time is of the essence, I move that this order be passed immediately under suspension of the rule.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

ARC LIGHT ON PREBLE STREET.

Coun. MAHONEY for Coun. Lynch offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide for the installation of an arc light on Preble street, at the corner of Ward street, Ward 7.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ANNUITY TO WIDOW OF EDWARD J. LENNON.

Coun. McGRATH offered the following:

Ordered, That an annuity of one thousand dollars be allowed and paid to the widow of Edward J. Lennon, late member of the Boston Police Department, who died as a result of injuries received while in the performance of his duty, such annuity to continue so long as said widow remains unmarried, and to be charged to the Appropriations for Police Department, Pensions and Annuities.

Referred to Executive Committee.

REPAVING OF BROOKLEDGE STREET.

Coun. BUSH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Brookledge street, Ward 12.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

LAYING OUT OF FERNDAL ROAD.

Coun. MURRAY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Ferndale road, Ward 19, as a public highway.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PROPOSED NAMING OF "CLARENCE DEMAR STREET."

Coun. NORTON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners, through his Honor the Mayor, be requested

to consider the advisability of changing the name of Blagden street, or Exeter street, from Huntington avenue to Boylston street, to "Clarence DeMar Street."

Coun. NORTON—Mr. President, the name of Clarence DeMar is one that will go down in the athletic history of this country. He has finished as the winner of six Marathons in this vicinity. I think, therefore, it would be very appropriate and fitting to name Exeter street, from Huntington avenue to Boylston street, for this athletic hero—or, if the Street Commissioners deem it expedient to take Blagden street in preference, that that street be so named. Marathon runners have always been highly honored since the original famous Marathon runner in the days of Ancient Greece. Beyond question, such men as DeMar are high exponents of the physical and moral life and Clarence DeMar's career in that respect is a symbol and an inspiration for our American youth. His name will be one to conjure with to generations yet unborn as typifying the advantages that come to all through a properly directed interest in athletics.

Coun. RUBY—Mr. President, while I might agree with everything that has been said by the councilor from Ward 18 with reference to the particular person in question, I cannot for the life of me see how any of us, even including the councilor from Ward 18, can in the City Council of Boston vote to name a street in a certain section of this city after one who is a nonresident. We have men in our city who are just as mighty in their particular lines and whose memory would be just as deserving of being kept alive, men of high character and accomplishment who are citizens of Boston. While we all honor this wonderful athlete who has been fortunate enough to win a number of Marathon races conducted by an association in Boston, and while we feel proud of his accomplishments, there are thousands and thousands of young boys throughout the entire country today who cherish the name of Babe Ruth or the name of Honus Wagner and other athletes of the present and previous days. But to name streets in different sections of Boston after these men, because of their wonderful athletic ability, would, in my opinion, establish the sort of precedent for which we might be sorry at some future time. I hope the order introduced by the councilor from Ward 18 will not prevail.

Coun. BUSH—Mr. President, I also want to take issue on this matter, although from a different angle entirely. The councilor from Dorchester makes the statement that this man is a nonresident, and that is the reason he gives why we should not vote to name a street after him. But we have Washington street and Franklin street, and Washington and Franklin were not residents of this city, either. So that is not entirely the angle from which we should look at this question. But I am opposed to the naming of any street or public building after a man who is still living. The custom in the past has been to name public buildings and streets after notable men who have some great accomplishment to their credit for the benefit of the public or of humanity, but it has been as a tribute to their memories after they have passed away. To name a street, as is here proposed, after a man who is still living, I think is a very bad precedent for the Council to establish, and in my opinion, therefore, this measure ought to be defeated.

Coun. ARNOLD—Mr. President, sitting in this Council as the representative of the district in which Exeter street and Blagden street are located, I was somewhat surprised when the order which has just been introduced by the councilor from Ward 18 was read: I want to inform him, through you, sir, that we have plenty of traditions worthy of commemoration in the names Exeter and Blagden; and if there are any memorials desired for this or other athletes, I would suggest to the councilor from Ward 18, having in mind the 286 unaccepted streets in his ward, that he pick on his own ward.

Coun. NORTON—Mr. President, answering my colleague from Dorchester as to the naming of a street after a person who is living, I might simply say that we have the great Father Cummins Highway that goes through the West Roxbury section to Mattapan, named after one of the greatest living men in Boston today, the Reverend John Cummins. I might also say that Dewey square was named before Admiral Dewey died, and that other streets in this city have been named after living heroes of the World War. We have also in my district a court named Arbuckle court, after

a living family. Now, Mr. President, here is a splendid type of man, a fine, clean athlete, a man deserving of high honor in any community. He lives near this city and has been associated with it in his career. Certainly we have in Clarence DeMar an exponent and exemplar of high virtues and abilities, whom we may well honor in this way. It is simply a matter of naming a short section of the street, about 200 feet in length, as a memorial to his achievements; as a monument to a man who has done something that no other man has ever done. Let me say to the gentleman from the Back Bay, who represents the district in which this street lies, that to my mind we are not only honoring the man but honoring the district by paying to Clarence DeMar this tribute. And so I feel that we may well recognize Clarence DeMar's athletic prowess in this way. His fame knows no ward lines; it virtually envisages America.

Coun. RUBY—Mr. President, I do not want to lengthen this debate, but, in order that the records may be right, I wish to say just a word. I claim some of the credit for the naming of a road in honor of Monsignor Supple while he was still alive, and I offer no apology for that. Had the councilor from Ward 18 been listening to the participants in the present debate he would have noticed that it was not the councilor from Ward 14 (Councilor Ruby) who stated that he was not in favor of naming streets in honor of living persons. The councilor from Ward 14 made no such statement during the progress of this debate.

Coun. NORTON—Mr. President, I never stated that it was the councilor from Ward 14. I believe the stenographic record will show that I referred to the councilor from Dorchester, not designating any particular councilor.

Coun. RUBY—The councilor who made that statement is from Roxbury.

Coun. MURRAY—Mr. President, might I answer the councilor from Ward 18 (Councilor Norton) by saying that we of our district, including myself, feel that we owe no apology to him or anybody else for naming the highway running from Rosindale to Mattapan after the greatest living man in our district, Father Cummins.

The order was referred to the Executive Committee.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL LIGHTS, MORTON STREET.

Coun. RUBY offered the following:
Ordered, That the Boston Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install traffic signal lights at Morton street and Blue Hill avenue, Ward 14.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

The Council voted, on motion of Coun. FISH, at 2.38 p. m., to take a recess subject to the call of the President.

The members reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by President LYNCH at 4.49 p. m.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTABLES.

Coun. WILSON, for the Committee on Constables, submitted the following report:

The Special Committee on Constables appointed to report for appropriate action the proposed confirmation of a list of fifty-three constables appointed by the Mayor as connected with official positions and to serve without bonds,—hereinafter referred to as List 1,—as well as 219 constables of the City of Boston appointed by the Mayor as authorized to serve civil process upon filing of bonds for the year commencing May 1, 1930, hereinafter referred to as List 2, reports as follows:

In accordance with vote of the City Council on April 14, 1930, each of the 219 constables included in List 2 was forwarded a copy of twenty-five inquiries with reference to the qualifications of each, the answers to such inquiries to be subscribed and sworn to by each applicant. Each of the 219 were in addition requested to attend the meeting of the Special Committee called for Thursday, April 24, at 1 p. m. and your committee sat on that day

until 5.40 p. m., interviewing, without exception, every applicant who appeared.

The committee might state that the names comprising List 1 in the year 1927 numbered thirty-one, in 1928 numbered thirty, in 1929 numbered thirty-five, and this year numbers fifty-three. Out of twenty-five new men added to List 1 since 1929 only two appear to have served in any capacity as a constable in the City of Boston during the past four years, and it may therefore be advisable that your committee interview the twenty-three new and presumably inexperienced appointees.

The committee would further point out that in 1927, when the first Special Committee on Constables in the new City Council of twenty-two members first held hearings, prior to actual confirmation of such appointments there were 205 applicants on the list. The Special Committee then as now found a large majority of our constables courteous, well qualified and experienced,—men rightly depended upon to serve civil process as officers of the law with all due regard for the individual rights of citizens of our city under the law but the committee then and now has felt that the list of constables should not be passed annually in any purely perfunctory manner. The real interest of the public suggests the advisability of some real examination into the personal qualifications of these public officials and at least a well-defined opportunity for the citizens of the city annually to lay before this body any merited complaints against such constables as may appear clearly to have abused the power of their office.

It appears that the public at large is not cognizant of its right to complain at any time to the office of the Mayor with reference to an unfit constable and therefore the annual confirmation of the Mayor's reappointments is a most convenient and appropriate time periodically to take stock.

It is the earnest belief of certain members of your committee that a more general restriction in the number of constables for the City of Boston and more stringent requirements of appointment would enure not only to the welfare of the general public but also prove of distinct benefit to the scores of experienced and competent constables who are admittedly a credit to the office.

One apparent effect of an annual check-up may be gathered from the fact that the names on List 2 in 1927 numbered 205, but in 1928 only 166, and in 1929 only 174, although this year the number has increased to 219. Although sixty-four of the present number have served continuously in the capacity of constable for five years or more,—twenty-nine of the men having served for ten years or more, and one man sixty years,—and although six more hold regular city positions,—a very large proportion of the list is composed of comparatively new men with little if any experience, and many of them obviously hoping for city employment only.

In view of the fact that out of the entire 219 a total of sixty-eight failed to appear in person or file sworn answers to the Council written inquiry as to their qualifications, if any, we are inclined to believe that the requirement of a detailed sworn statement has automatically weeded out a substantial number of undesirables.

The committee was also impressed by the fact that serious complaints in general were this year far less numerous than usual and it is therefore reasonable to believe that the adopted custom of an annual check-up during each of the past four years has resulted first in a general reduction of the number of persistent offenders, and second has resulted in more consistently careful conduct on the part of those remaining constables who expect to continue an uninterrupted career.

In view of the earnest endeavor on the part of your committee to prove of some real value, the committee fully relies on the support of the Council membership. Names on either list not reported today for confirmation include the names of those not yet interviewed by the committee, the names of those from whom no reply has been received, the names of men of no experience or of doubtful qualifications, and finally the names of such men as should be heard further with reference to complaints made.

The committee noted numerous instances where the address given on sworn answers to the City Council questionnaire failed to agree with the address available in the office of the City Clerk as late as April 13. The correct address of every constable of the City of Boston should, of course, be constantly on file in the office of the City Clerk and any failure on the part of a duly appointed

bonded constable to promptly advise the City Clerk of any change of address should be ground for severe criticism and appropriate action.

Your committee recommends that it be not discharged at this time but that it may be permitted further in behalf of the Council to consider names not reported for confirmation at this time as well as such other and further constable appointments as may be made during the balance of the year subject to confirmation by the Council.

The committee respectfully recommends confirmation of the thirty names on List 1 and the 119 names on List 2 underlined in the copy of City Document 47 of 1930 attached hereto. In short, confirmation is recommended at this time for thirty out of fifty-three appointees to serve without bond and for 119 out of 219 appointees for service of civil process upon filing bonds.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.,
Chairman.

MICHAEL J. MAHONEY,
CLEMENT A. NORTON,
JOHN I. FITZGERALD,
TIMOTHY F. DONOVAN,

Committee.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President and members of the Council, I would like to state in addition, in reference to this report, that it is the desire of this committee to continue its work in this matter, and in doing so to be of some help to the City of Boston. We have tried, and shall continue to try, to weed out the undesirable constables in this city, of which there are many. Neither the chairman nor any other member of the committee holds any brief for or against any of the individuals in the list of constables, personally. A number of these men serve writs and are identified in various ways with our own wards, that applying also to the ward I represent. We have played no favorites. The reason why a man's name is not included in the list of today simply means that it is not reported this week. It may be reported among the names of next week. We have not finished our work. We had an extended hearing last week and went as far as we could, but were not able to go into all the detail that we expect to go into or pick out all the names that we think should be favorably acted upon, because we have not had sufficient time; and the reason why many names were not selected for favorable action at this time is because in many cases the men, who were invited to appear before us, did not come or did not send a response to the notice that they received. Our examination is to be continued, however, and the men are to be given every proper opportunity. So the fact that a particular name does not appear here today does not mean at all that it is to be ultimately held up. Perhaps it might be well for me to read the names on the list which were at the present meeting reported favorably upon. First, on pages 2 and 3, we have constables connected with official positions and who serve without bonds, as follows: John A. Anderson, Philip J. Brennan, William W. K. Campbell, John D. Carmody, John M. Casey, John B. Cassidy, Martin J. Cavanagh, John F. Coffey, Frederick A. Cronin, Andrew B. DeCourcy, James J. Dolan, Joseph W. Ferris, Joseph Fucillo, John Graumann, Joseph W. Hobbs, William A. Kelley, Lawrence J. Kelly, Edward J. Leary, Patrick J. Monahan, Emory D. Morgan, Timothy F. Regan, Edward M. Richardson, Frank B. Skelton, Thomas H. Staples, John J. Sullivan, Rudolph F. Watson, Julian Codman, Frederick O. Houghton, Archibald C. McDonald, Frank J. Sullivan and Harry L. Allen. Then, on the longer list, constables authorized to serve civil process upon filing bonds—John J. Bavis, David Belson, Aleck Berg, Carl Birger Berg, Jacob Bergson, George W. Bloomberg, George A. Borofski, John H. Brady, Thomas F. Brett, Charles B. Broad, George W. Brooker, Warren A. Brown, Louis Budd, Henry P. Burns, Sherman H. Calderwood, James A. Canton, Daniel B. Carmody, Thomas C. Carr, Matthew W. Chait, William K. Coburn, Louis Cohen, William A. Collupy, Henry G. Dahlquist, William Davis, John J. Dillon, George G. Drew, Charles W. Duran, Louis Ebb, William E. Elton, Joseph H. Faucy, William H. Flynn, Peter C. Foy, Harris Friedberg, Henry J. Gilmore, Maurice J. Glick, Samuel Goldkrand, Samuel Goldmeer, Samuel Goldsmith, Joseph M. Goode, Joseph Granara, Sears H. Grant, Salvatore Graffa, William C. Gregory, William C. Griffin, St. Clair E. Hale, John F. Halligan, James P. Hayes, John H. How-

ard, William A. Iannone, Jacob Iser, Walter Isidor, Charles H. Jackson, Max Jacobs, William J. Johnson, Harry Kahn, James Kaplan, James S. Kiernan, Thomas J. Killian, Thomas H. King, Bronis Kontrim, Mark H. Krafur, Abraham Krinsky, Joseph Labagnara, Philip E. Lieberman, Frank J. Macchia, William P. Maginnis, Leslie P. Mann, Russell T. Mann, John A. May, James McDonough, William P. McGuinness, James I. Mede, Charles R. Mennella, William P. Miles, John J. Miller, Andrew W. Murphy, Elmer S. Nyman, Edward Ober, Michael W. Ober, James E. O'Brien, Joseph J. O'Mara, Phillip S. Phillips, Leonard M. Pike, James A. Quinn, Robert Reid, Bartholomew F. Roach, Abraham Rosenberg, Nathan E. Rosenberg, Robert E. Scott, Samuel Shain, Frank Shaw, Sidney J. Sheinfeld, Isaac Shulman, Henry J. D. Small, Leon Small, George C. Souther, Israel Spector, John J. Stanton, Henry D. Stetson, John Sualich, Jerome Suvale, Benjamin J. Tackeff, David Tobey, Francis J. Tobin, Joseph Todisco, Joseph M. Torr, Jeremiah A. Twomey, Aber Uekerman, Roman J. Vasil, John J. Walsh, James H. Waugh, Joseph Weiner, Abraham I. Weiss, Karl H. West, Richard W. Whipple, Max Wortsman, John A. Wragg, Louis Yacker, and Max Zimmerman.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, may I ask the chairman of the committee just one question? Did I understand him to read the name of Thomas C. Carr, near the bottom of page 4, and of Edmund C. Grady, at the top of page 6?

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I am very glad to answer that question. As I stated before, we have not reported at this time on the names of those who did not present themselves or who did not report back to us at our meeting. There are some such against whom there is no legitimate ground of criticism, and whose names will be considered later, as well as some against whom there are complaints, and rather serious complaints. But this list is not at all conclusive. We intend to act and to report further. However, I shall be glad to answer the councilor as to some particular name, except it be a case where it might not be pleasant to the applicant to do so. What are the names you refer to?

Coun. DONOVAN—These are constables attached to the East Boston Court—Mr. Carr and Mr. Grady, and they were not able to be present at the meeting because of the fact that the court was in session.

Coun. WILSON—We have reported Thomas C. Carr, on page 4. I would say, however, that there are two Gradys, and that there was some question of a complaint against one or the other of the Gradys. It probably was not the court officer, but the initials were not furnished to the committee.

The report was accepted, and the question came on confirmation of the constables whose names were read above by Coun. Wilson.

Committee, Coun. Hein and Gleason. Whole number of ballots, 17; yeas 17, and the appointments were confirmed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. MAHONEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted reports, as follows:

1. Report on order (referred today) for acceptance of chapter 152 concerning assistant clerk in Dorchester Court—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

2. Report on petitions (referred today) for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement, viz.:

John J. Fitzgerald, Blackstone School Hall, April 28, 29, 1930.

Ramona Hawkins, Brown Hall, May 26, 1930, that leave be granted, under usual conditions.

Report accepted, leave granted under usual conditions.

STANDEES IN BUSES.

Coun. MAHONEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted a report on the ordinance (referred March 31) relative to passengers on jitneys—recommending reference to the Committee on Ordinances.

The report of the committee was accepted, and the ordinance was recommitted to the Committee on Ordinances.

Coun. MAHONEY—Mr. President, I might say, as chairman of the Executive Committee, that I

would like to ask a recess of five minutes so that we may have the report of the Committee on Ordinances on this matter and be able to take some action on it today.

The Council voted at 5:07 p. m., on motion of Coun. MAHONEY, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The members reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order at 5:21 p. m.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES.

Coun. GREEN, for the Committee on Ordinances, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order concerning passengers on jitneys (recommitted today)—that the order ought to pass.

The report was accepted, and the question came on the passage of the ordinance.

Coun. KELLY—Mr. President, three weeks ago the representatives of the Carmen's Union were extended the privilege of talking before our honorable body on this particular question. At that time they told us that they were firmly against and that the employees of the Elevated were firmly against standees in the Boston Elevated buses. Today they came before our committee and changed their story, telling us that they are in favor of standees. I wonder why this rapid change of mind? They further stated, under examination by myself, that at the meeting at which they changed their minds, the meeting after the first meeting, there were 350 employees present out of a total of 6,600 employees, and that 312 of the 350 voted in favor of standees—in other words, 312 for and 38 against. But 350 members out of 6,600 were present at that meeting. I have sounded out the opinion of many car riders in my ward, and I find it three to one against allowing standees. Further, I have sounded out the feeling among employees of the Elevated in my district, and I find it ten to one against standees. Now, gentlemen, the Elevated has agreed, according to the representatives of the Carmen's Union, not to lay off any of the men if standees are allowed. We all know that if standees are allowed in the Boston Elevated buses men are going to be laid off. I asked, in the committee room, the legal adviser of the trustees, Mr. Mulcahy, if he did not think it was illegal to make an agreement of that kind, that they would not lay off men employed on the Boston Elevated if this ordinance was passed. He dodged the issue. Now, I am informed, that any agreement to employ a man is illegal and cannot be enforced by law; and yet these men, representing 350 out of 6,600, are coming here today and changing their minds, for reasons best known to themselves, and voting that people of my district and other districts be compelled to stand, instead of being given a seat for 10 cents. I am firmly against it, and I want the body, when it is recorded, to have these facts in mind.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, there has been a good deal said about what the attitude of the Boston Elevated Carmen's Union is, one way or the other. With all due respect to the organization, I am not primarily interested in what their vote may have been three weeks ago and what it is today, or what it will be next week, if they have another chance to vote. The thing that determines my position in the matter is the attitude of the car riders of the district I represent. On March 10 the Committee on Ordinances reported back "Ought to pass" on this ordinance. I appreciate very much the attitude of the chairman of the Committee on Ordinances in allowing the matter to go to the Executive Committee to give me an opportunity to follow the custom I have usually followed in matters of this kind of endeavoring to find out the attitude of the people in my ward who are affected by this particular measure. The sentiment of the people I represent is what governs me. Taking advantage of the time given me, I sent out 3,000 postcards, one to each voting family in the district that would be affected by the bus lines, taken from the voting list, reading as follows:

"Three years ago, as your city councilor, I voted against the passage of an ordinance proposed by the Boston Elevated Railway, to permit jitney buses to carry standees. I felt that it was unsafe to allow passengers to stand with heads a few inches from the roof, on rough surface streets, and that majority sentiment in Dorchester favored even delay in preference to a trip standing up.

"The Elevated has now reintroduced the ordinance, claiming first that the newer and larger buses will safely permit 20 per cent of the passengers to stand; and second that the great majority of car riders in rush hours prefer standing in a bus to standing in the rain waiting for a bus. A Council Committee reported 'ought to pass,' but at my request the question was tabled until I could find out, for myself, the sentiment of Ward 17 car riders.

"There is no possibility of additional buses, or much improved service, for some time to come. Therefore the present issue is whether, with the present service, you favor allowing buses to stop and take on additional passengers after all seats are occupied.

"Do YOU favor allowing a limited number of standee bus passengers?

"If you want me to know YOUR preference, write 'yes' or 'no' on an ordinary postcard, sign your name and address, and mail the card at once to:

CITY COUNCILLOR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.
44 Kenwood Street, Dorchester, Mass."

I regret to state that, although 3,000 of those cards were sent out at my expense,—for the cards, the printing and addressing, the people of the district—like the people of every district, were so disinterested that 94 per cent made no reply whatsoever. I did receive replies from approximately 6 per cent, and, for the benefit of other members of the Council who may have similar situations in their own wards, I would say that, taking the responses, 108 families were against the proposed change in the ordinance, and 47 in favor. Many of the cards had more than one name, so that the votes read, 141 opposed and 65 in favor. In other words, although I received only 6 per cent of replies, I did get a cross section of the sentiment of the ward which apparently was somewhere near two to one against the change in the ordinance. I will admit, in order to be fair, that in many instances I received cards from adjoining houses, some voting for and some against on the same question, and in one case I received a card from one member of the family voting one way and two members voting against. But at least I received a cross section of the sentiment of the community, which, of course, will govern me in my vote on this particular matter. The responses I received were two to one against the proposed change, although the bus lines in my district do not have a long run. I am not at all governed in my vote today by any desire of the Elevated Trustees or by the wishes of the Elevated Union factions for or against. As I have said, the thing that will influence my attitude on the question is simply the feeling of the people of my district who ride in the cars and pay the price.

Coun. NORTON.—Mr. President, from the very first my position on this matter has been, as it will be today, that, due to the effect such an ordinance would have on elimination of labor, I am against it. When the Boston Elevated Road in 1918 asked for permission to run the first single man operated car, with one motorman and no conductor from Spring and Centre streets, West Roxbury, to Grove street, it was said that that car was merely an experiment. In the decade that has transpired we have found that it was not merely an experiment, but represented an important change in the methods of operation of the road, with the result that today 90 per cent or more of the Elevated cars in Boston are run by one man. The labor situation today is an acute one. There are some who have studied the situation who believe that we will within the next few months work out of the present unemployment condition. But I want, for purposes of the record, to make this prediction, that for a long time we will have a period of depression in the matter of unemployment. For the last fifteen years we have advanced farther in the matter of machine operation, in manufacturing and otherwise, along technical lines, than in all the world's previous history; with the result that anywhere today, where you will show me 100 men working, I will show you efforts being made along the lines of invention to eliminate that labor. We have 45,000,000 people in America who are wage earners, people who must earn a living. Because of new problems that have arisen since the War, because of the injection of women into industries to an extent never before known in the world's history, taking the place of men, a new situation has arisen. We have also the moving picture

theaters going all over America every night, almost entirely run by machinery, with the result that we have 40,000 musicians thrown out of work. That is only one instance of many. It is a machine age, with a continually increasing tendency toward eliminating the individual. On our western prairies and on farms all over this country machinery has been introduced to such an extent that, while larger crops are produced, many less men are employed in producing them than were employed ten years ago. It is so all along the line, and there is our fundamental difficulty today. The result is that you have 45,000,000 people who must obtain jobs in order to make a living, and yet the machinery that is being employed has greatly cut down their opportunities to obtain positions. So, from the labor standpoint, that is our problem, that we have machines largely performing work that in the past history of the world has been done by human man. The result of the activities of this machine age, of course, have resulted in more and more luxury for the people, luxury such as has never been known before, so that comforts are within the reach of the poor, the ordinary man, that were not in reach of the rich formerly. But with that increased comfort and luxury has come this other result of great decrease in opportunities for employment. And so with these great advantages that have come to everyday people from the machine age there has also come this great economic problem,—how are people going to find work? The professors and economists tell us that with the new vistas opened up through the development of new machinery, new methods of employment will also be offered. But in the great transition now going on we do not find that to be the case. Go over here and see the progress under the Tomasello contract on the Strandway. How many men will you find working over there? You will find a great steam shovel doing the work of 100 men. In every conceivable mechanical line that is the story. Mr. President, the way things are going, how are men who are out of employment going to get work? I am deeply interested, my friends, in this great unemployment problem. It is the great problem before people today. Senator Wagner of New York has introduced measures in the United States Senate which attempt to deal with this situation. He wants Uncle Sam to set aside sums for public works which may be spent in times of stress crises of unemployment, along similar lines to those that have been adopted in some of the European countries, and is attempting to deal with this menace in a scientific way. We have never known in America, Mr. President, how many men were out of work at any time. We find out how many sheep and cows there are, and how many quarts of milk are produced each day, how many eggs are laid, all that sort of thing, but we have never found out how many people were out of work. Our census figures are now being taken, but they do not include that question. At the time when the figures were being started here in Boston, through the Police Department, I asked and succeeded in having that question included, so far as Boston was concerned, for the first time in history. And so, on April 1, for the first time, in the City of Boston, we found out how many, male and female, in all the families of Boston were out of work. The results showed that over 40,000 people here admitted that they were out of work. Based on those figures I feel sure that there are 100,000 out of work in Boston, because, in the case of the average man, when a policeman comes along and finds that John Jones is in a house and says, "John Jones,—working?" John Jones has a certain sense of pride. He does not like to tell the policeman he is out of work. And so, as I say instead of there being 40,000 out of work in the City of Boston, I am personally satisfied that there are 100,000 out of work. Mr. President, there are many millions out of work all over this country today, and the situation is going to grow increasingly serious, instead of better, as time goes on. My colleagues in this body know it. You don't need to be told that there is an unemployment crisis. You see the situation in all of your wards, and it is a situation that is countrywide. And it is brought about by the very machinery which, as I say, has brought many blessings, but which has also rendered the employment of a large part of our population unnecessary. I venture to say that we must soon have the five-day week, as well as old-age pensions. Those things have got to come, in order that we

may find a way out for our people. And this question that we have here before us today, Mr. President, has a very vital bearing on this same matter. By allowing standees in the buses it means, and must mean, eventually taking off a certain number of men. It can only mean the elimination of labor. That, Mr. President, is the great fundamental question before all our labor organizations and before all our people, today.

Coun. GREEN—Mr. President, I would like to ask the councilor from Hyde Park a question. Before the Executive Committee, wasn't that same question asked of the representatives of the Boston Elevated, the representatives of the trustees, where the passing of this ordinance would curtail expense and mean the discharge of employees, and didn't the two representatives of the trustees who were present say "No" in answer to the question? I believe Councilor Mahoney put the question to the representatives of the trustees.

President LYNCH—The councilor is out of order. Councilor Norton has the floor.

Coun. NORTON—Well, in answer to my colleague from Charlestown, Mr. President, I find by referring to the records ten years ago, when the question of operating single-man cars out in West Roxbury was up, running to Gove street, that the officials of the Boston Elevated road in that particular case stated that it would not eliminate labor. But we all know that that has not been the result. The same statement was made by the representatives of the telephone company when the question of automatic switching was up, that it would not eliminate the telephone girls. But we all know that these statements, and other such statements, have been proven untrue. There has been more labor eliminated in the past ten years in these and other such ways than in any other decade in the world's history. And so we too have this unemployment problem confronting us, all along the line, and this is simply one manifestation of it. Of course, I suppose we would hardly expect representatives of the Elevated road to admit that this sort of thing will eliminate help. But it does, the same as all these devices which have that result. And so I am against this ordinance, because it means eventually laying off men at a time when we are confronted by this acute unemployment situation, which the best minds in this and other communities all over the United States will be called upon to help solve.

Coun. COX—Mr. President, my experience in the matter of testing out the wishes of the people of my district has been somewhat similar to that of Councilor Wilson with his constituents; only in my case I furnished the actual bus riders with an addressed postal card upon which they had to simply vote "yes" or "no," and put it in the mail. As a result, I obtained a response about 4 per cent higher than that of Councilor Wilson, or 10 per cent. I stood in Monument square, Jamaica Plain, and as the buses unloaded I passed out these postal cards, and then as passengers got on the buses I passed out the cards. The return on those postals was about ninety-four. About fifty-five were in favor of it and the balance against. But where people are already standing in the buses, what are you voting on? The real question is not, whether or not we will continue to stand in them, but the question is, whether or not men will be laid off. I was interested when the councilor from Hyde Park brought up the Spring street-Grove street line single-man car question. I have lived in that section for twenty years and am more or less familiar with the transportation service that we have in West Roxbury. I recall very definitely that when they were running a line of cars over Spring and Grove streets to Washington street we had two cars where today we have one bus, and that bus runs every half hour. When you put it up to them and say there should be more buses, they reply, "We can't put on another bus, because it will not pay." Well, it doesn't pay because if people have to wait half an hour to ride in one, they will walk that mile in less than the half hour. There is also another element that has not been brought into this question at all, and that is that it does not alone concern the people served by the buses, but the people driving automobiles and who are forced to drive behind these buses. There is also the type of buses to be considered. In my section they are unfit to carry standees. Therefore, I shall vote against this ordinance, but would make an amendment that they may carry standees only in the buses that are used for metropolitan service.

On motion of Coun. Mahoney the main ques-

tion was ordered, and the ordinance was declared rejected. Coun. Arnold doubted the vote and asked for a standing vote.

The Council divided, and the ordinance was declared passed, 10 to 8.

Coun. NORTON—Mr. President, in view of the fact that Councilor Dowd is not present today, and that Councilor Murray is not now in attendance at the meeting, I would move a reconsideration of the vote on the ordinance.

Reconsideration was declared carried.

Coun. ARNOLD—Mr. President, I doubt the vote and ask for a rising vote.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I would ask for a roll call on that.

The motion to reconsider prevailed, yeas 15, nays 5.

Yeas—Coun. Bush, Cox, Donovan, Englert, Fish, Fitzgerald, Green, Kelly, Lynch, Mahoney, McGrath, Norton, Power, Ruby, Wilson—15.

Nays—Coun. Arnold, Curtis, Gallagher, Gleason, Hein—5.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I move assignment to the next meeting.

The matter was assigned to the next meeting.

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

President LYNCH called up under unfinished business No. 1 on the calendar, viz.:

1. Action on appointment submitted by the Mayor April 21, 1930, of Martin G. Donnelly, to be a Weigher of Goods.

The question came on confirmation. Committee, Coun. Gallagher and Arnold. Whole number of ballots 16; yeas 16, and the appointments were confirmed.

COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

Coun. FITZGERALD for the Committee on County Accounts, submitted the following:

1. Report on communication from Chief Justice of Municipal Court relating to expenditures for clerical service—recommending passage of accompanying order, viz.:

Ordered, That until otherwise ordered the sum of \$33,400 per annum be allowed for clerical assistance in the office of the Clerk of the Municipal Court for Civil Business, and the said clerk is hereby authorized to expend annually the said sum for said purpose.

Report accepted; order passed.

A QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.

Coun. GREEN—Mr. President, I rise to a question of personal privilege.

President LYNCH—Coun. Green asks unanimous consent to make a statement. Proceed, councilor.

Coun. GREEN—Mr. President, and members of the honorable body of which I have the proud pleasure of being a member, I know you are pretty tired this afternoon after sitting here almost four hours, and I am not going to wear you out with any lengthy remarks. Mr. President, on my return from New York on a business trip, I picked up a copy of one of the daily papers here in which I was quoted as having made derogatory statements about the Spanish War Veterans, the veterans of the World War and the veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic. I should not, of course, Mr. President, dignify who released that story to the press by a reply; but I would merely like to say on the floor of this honorable body that at no time did I ever make the statements with which I was charged in that paper. I met at my home a committee interested in the candidacy of a gentleman for chief marshal of the 17th of June parade, and when that committee left my house they shook my hand and said I had been very fair. All I am asking to be given the same space in the newspapers tomorrow for my statement that was given to the statement against me. That statement merely meant that peanut politics were being

played at the expense of the councilor from the district by a crowd of political parasites. The polls are never closed in Charlestown; they fight 365 days in the year, and I am simply the victim of another unjust attack by those men. But we have a little graveyard of our own over there in Charlestown, Mr. President, where a new grave is opened every year and we deposit what remains of just the type of man who issued that statement. I know how the veterans feel towards me, because they know that my every vote and my voice and endeavor at all times have been in behalf of the veterans, since I have been holding public office. I have had to conduct bitter and hard political fights, Mr. President, but never at any time in the hardest political fights I have ever had, have I said one word, publicly or privately, against a veteran of the World War, of the Spanish-American War, or of the Grand Army of the Republic.

ANNUITY TO WIDOW OF EDWARD Q. BUTTERS.

Coun. COX offered the following:

Ordered, That an annuity of \$600 be allowed and paid to the widow of Serg. Edward Q. Butters, late member of the Police Department, who died from injuries received in the performance of his duty, such annuity to continue so long as said widow remains unmarried, and to be charged to the appropriation for Police Department, Pensions and Annuities.

Referred to Executive Committee.

CELEBRATION OF JUNE 17.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to ask the Secretary of War to direct that all available regular army troops in the First Corps Area participate in the parade in Charlestown on June 17.

Ordered, That the Boston School Committee be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to order all cadet units of the Boston High Schools to participate in the parade in Charlestown on June 17.

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to ask his Excellency the Governor to order out the entire National Guard to participate in the parade in Charlestown on June 17.

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to ask the Secretary of the Navy direct, and also through the Senators and Representatives from Massachusetts, to order the Atlantic Fleet to Boston Harbor for June 17, its personnel to participate in the parade in Charlestown on that date; to direct the participation in said parade of the

Naval Cadets from the Annapolis Naval Academy, and of a representation of the Air Forces of the United States Navy; and to direct that the Naval dirigible "Los Angeles" take part in the celebration of June 17.

Orders severally passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION.

Coun. ENGLERT offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Forest Hills street, from No. 285 to No. 317, Ward 11, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Coun. KELLY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Dahlgren street, both sides, from Westville street to Corona street, Ward 15, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

REINSTATEMENT OF JOSEPH V. CUMMINGS.

Coun. GLEASON offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston favors the enactment of legislation authorizing the reinstatement of Joseph V. Cummings as permanent laborer in the Public Works Department of the City of Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

IMPROVEMENTS AT TENEAN BEACH.

Coun. FISH offered the following:

Ordered, That the sum of \$30,000 be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commission for the purchase of additional shore property to sufficiently enlarge the bathing area at Tenean Beach, and for the necessary grading, sanding, etc., and that to meet such expense the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, at the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Adjourned, at 5.53 on motion of Coun. CURTIS, to meet on Monday, May 5, at 2 p. m.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, May 5, 1930.

Regular meeting of the City Council in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President LYNCH in the chair. Absent, Coun. Gallagher.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn under the law, Coun. Ruby and Kelly presiding at the box in the absence of the Mayor, as follows:

Fifteen additional traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Fourth Session, April Sitting, to appear May 7, 1930:

John J. Tierney, Jr., Ward 1; James F. Mullen, Ward 2; John Murray, Ward 4; George Bemis, Ward 8; William R. Bradley, Ward 10; Henry J. Lannon, Ward 10; John J. Smith, Ward 10; Charles L. Peterson, Ward 11; Hyman Glazer, Ward 12; Herbert W. Mendelsohn, Ward 12; Alexander Norton, Ward 12; John Carlson, Ward 13; Herbert E. Williams, Ward 13; Jeremiah Donovan, Ward 19; James P. Sullivan, Ward 19.

Thirty-one traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, First Session, to appear June 2, 1930:

Hugh Doherty, Ward 1; Joseph Nuzzo, Ward 1; Hugh P. McColgen, Ward 2; John F. Murphy, Ward 2; Edward R. Williams, Ward 2; Carmine P. Langone, Ward 3; William Leo McNabb, Ward 3; Edmund B. Frye, Jr., Ward 5; Michael J. Thornton, Ward 7; James G. McNulty, Ward 8; William G. Cox, Ward 9; Martin Mullin, Ward 10; Leopold H. Vogel, Ward 11; Dana G. Duran, Ward 12; Ernest S. Headley, Ward 12; Cornelius P. Murphy, Ward 13; George H. Colman, Ward 15; Daniel Ford, Ward 15; Robert A. Blechstein, Ward 16; Harold E. Hall, Ward 16; Patrick J. McLaughlin, Ward 16; William J. Doherty, Jr., Ward 17; Lorenzo F. Ripley, Ward 17; Percy D. Small, Ward 18; Walter E. Butler, Ward 19; William McKay, Ward 20; David Ortendahl, Ward 20; William H. Bates, Ward 21; Louis Glassman, Ward 21; Thomas R. King, Ward 22; John H. Ryan, Ward 22.

Thirty-one traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, Third Session, to appear June 2, 1930:

Ernest L. Brown, Ward 1; William J. Crowley, Ward 1; John C. Kelly, Ward 1; Philip J. Dolan, Ward 2; Frank D'Ambrosia, Ward 3; Arthur Kornick, Ward 3; William H. Caffrey, Ward 4; David Roberts, Ward 4; Hugh MacDonald, Ward 6; Arthur H. Barrette, Ward 7; Joseph D. Rull, Ward 7; Thomas T. Casey, Ward 8; Patrick W. Gallagher, Ward 8; Charles Gilman, Ward 9; Lawrence B. Quigley, Ward 10; Frederick C. Parker, Ward 11; Morris H. Hite, Ward 12; Thomas L. Finn, Ward 13; Fred J. Murray, Ward 13; Joseph Canefsky, Ward 14; James T. Donohoe, Ward 16; Peter J. Fallon, Ward 16; Arthur J. Sweeney, Ward 16; George H. Stevens, Ward 18; Charles C. Bertsch, Ward 19; William G. Dolloff, Ward 20; Thomas McKenzie, Ward 20; Herbert A. Rowell, Ward 20; Leon V. Stone, Ward 20; James F. Langill, Ward 21; Anthony G. Ahern, Ward 22.

Thirty-one traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Fourth Session, to appear June 2, 1930:

Henry C. Mann, Ward 1; John F. Tierney, Ward 1; Joseph Sheridan, Ward 2; Charles Katz, Ward 5; Thomas L. Gargan, Ward 5; Michael J. White, Ward 8; Frederick W. McDonnell, Ward 9; James F. Dunn, Ward 10; David F. Kent, Ward 10; John R. McCormack, Ward 11; Edward J. McKenzie, Ward 11; Herman J. Schorle, Ward 11; Leonard E. Tuttle, Ward 12; Frederick W. J. Harris, Ward 12; John P. Gorham, Ward 13; Thomas J. Levins, Ward 15; John Joseph Madden, Ward 15; John Maliniosis, Ward 16; Michael F. Coyne, Ward 16; Frederick T. Keefe, Ward 17; Robert L. Bleakney, Ward 18; Andrew W. Crichton, Ward 18; Ernest L. Hodgkins, Ward 18;

Warren A. Strangman, Ward 18; Arthur T. Connolly, Ward 19; Bernard J. Arntz, Ward 20; Albert E. Beaton, Ward 20; Harry W. Staples, Ward 20; Edwin N. Tyler, Ward 20; Peter J. Cornelissen, Ward 22; Albert Woodward, Jr., Ward 22.

Thirty-one traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, Fifth Session, to appear June 9, 1930:

John Barry, Ward 1; Barnet Brass, Ward 1; Dennis Buckley, Ward 1; Michael A. Gallo, Ward 1; John J. O'Neill, Ward 1; Henry J. Gormley, Ward 3; James O'Connell, Ward 3; Domenick Tutolo, Ward 3; Walter G. Goodwin, Ward 4; James E. Nugent, Ward 4; James Whitford, Ward 5; Joseph M. McGuire, Ward 6; George W. Ransome, Ward 6; Richard P. Day, Ward 7; John P. O'Hara, Ward 8; David E. Lane, Ward 9; William S. Bernard, Ward 10; Arthur W. Heidke, Ward 10; James E. Mullen, Ward 11; Daniel J. Leonard, Ward 12; Earl W. Mace, Ward 12; Bernard McCormack, Ward 15; Michael J. Murphy, Ward 16; Charles H. Riley, Ward 16; Herbert R. Habenicht, Ward 18; Arthur E. Mitchell, Ward 18; Carl A. Miller, Ward 18; Loren V. Purdy, Ward 18; John J. Lordan, Jr., Ward 19; Fredrick Westerlund, Ward 20; William Brown, Ward 22.

Twenty-eight traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, First Session, April Sitting, to appear June 2, 1930:

Thomas Macdonnell, Ward 1; George L. Curtis, Ward 2; Roy F. Leatherwood, Ward 5; Thomas Russell, Ward 6; James L. Smith, Ward 6; Charles McInnes, Ward 7; Joseph P. Bradley, Ward 8; Thomas J. Kenney, Ward 8; Frank Diggs, Ward 9; Daniel J. Dennehy, Ward 10; Charles Fuery, Ward 10; Joseph B. Wood, Ward 10; John W. Foster, Ward 12; James A. Morgan, Ward 12; David B. Karger, Ward 14; Fred A. Denton, Ward 15; James J. Gatley, Ward 16; Alfred H. McCulloch, Ward 16; John F. Kennesly, Ward 17; William Rauschal, Ward 17; Raymond J. Bailey, Ward 18; George M. MacDonald, Ward 18; Frederick T. Widner, Ward 20; William H. Newcombe, Ward 21; Joseph H. Stack, Ward 21; Francis E. Heuklon, Ward 22; John Nelson, Ward 22; George S. Wolper, Ward 22.

Twenty-six traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Second Session, April Sitting, to appear June 2, 1930:

William J. Martin, Ward 1; Paul R. Daniels, Ward 4; Arthur S. Davenport, Ward 5; Frederick J. Deane, Ward 5; Louis Rosenberg, Ward 5; Michael P. Flynn, Ward 6; Edward Kelly, Ward 10; Harry Klein, Ward 8; John W. Ruttle, Ward 11; Alfred C. Boudreau, Ward 12; Norman N. Rayner, Ward 12; Charles G. Shannon, Ward 13; Clifford M. Babson, Ward 14; Harry Reck, Ward 14; Herbert C. Robinson, Ward 14; Patrick J. Gaffney, Ward 16; Leopold May, Ward 17; Ralph A. Mention, Ward 17; Earnest Harry Holmes, Ward 18; George R. Grant, Ward 19; Campbell S. Higgins, Ward 19; Leo A. Broad, Ward 20; Frederick I. Reed, Ward 20; John M. MacPherson, Ward 21; Joseph Keefe, Ward 22; Francis S. Quinn, Ward 22.

Twenty-four traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Third Session, April Sitting, to appear June 2, 1930:

John W. F. Hughes, Ward 1; Francis A. McCarthy, Ward 2; Patrick Grimes, Ward 2; Joseph F. Low, Ward 5; Leo F. Caulfield, Ward 6; John L. Stephens, Ward 6; George J. Jones, Ward 8; Daniel J. Leonard, Ward 8; Hugh C. Wilson, Ward 9; John J. Downey, Ward 10; Joseph T. Kelleher, Ward 10; George W. Armington, Ward 12; Bartholomew J. Flaherty, Ward 13; Kasper Sharof, Ward 14; Judah E. Bellows, Ward 16; Patrick Edward Fitzgerald, Ward 16; James A. Bagley, Ward 77; Frank W. Bean, Ward 18; Herbert W. Scott, Ward 18; Jeremiah F. Fouhey, Ward 19; John L. Hanson, Ward 19; Edward E. Russell, Ward 19; Charles D. Pearlstein, Ward 21; Anthony E. Griffiths, Ward 22.

Twenty-nine traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Fourth Session, April Sitting, to appear June 2, 1930:

Frederick G. Greener, Ward 1; Joseph E. Kelley, Ward 2; Michael J. Leahy, Ward 2; John P. Concannon, Ward 4; William J. Dwyer, Ward 6; Albert Harrison, Ward 6; Timothy Sullivan, Ward 6; John J. Brenn, Ward 7; William W. Roman, Ward 8; Gordon K. Allen, Ward 10;

Richard F. Cahill, Ward 10; John T. Kennedy, Ward 10; Michael M. Green, Ward 11; George Gale, Ward 12; Louis C. Powell, Ward 13; James T. Donohue, Ward 15; Benjamin T. Tarbox, Ward 17; John Theodor West, Ward 17; David O'Hearn, Ward 19; Axel R. Ohlson, Ward 18; Frederick E. Atwood, Ward 20; George E. Chenery, Ward 20; Bernhard H. Condon, Ward 20; Edward H. Whittemore, Ward 20; Ambrose A. Brown, Ward, 21; William W. Phipps, Ward 21; Mark D. Croft, Ward 22; Thomas A. O'Connell, Ward 22; James P. O'Donnell, Ward 22.

Twenty-six traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Fifth Session, April Sitting, to appear June 2, 1930:

Edward W. Golden, Ward 1; William J. Mullen, Ward 2; John B. Lee, Ward 6; George E. Norman, Ward 6; John J. MacDonald, Ward 7; James Francis Clifford, Ward 10; Joseph D. McCarthy, Ward 10; Samuel Olansky, Ward 12; Samuel Rodman, Ward 12; Richard J. O'Day, Ward 13; Wolcott J. Kelley, Ward 14; Joseph F. Collins, Ward 16; Daniel B. Coughlin, Ward 17; Frank G. Marley, Ward 17; William C. Bronsdon, Ward 18; Herbert V. King, Ward 18; James E. Sheridan, Ward 18; William C. Andrew, Ward 19; Walter D. McIlquham, Ward 19; Eric V. Nilson, Ward 19; Herbert Dillingham, Ward 20; Harold I. G. Hubbard, Ward 20; Richard E. Underwood, Ward 20; Marshall E. Fuller, Ward 21; Thomas Costello, Ward 22; Charles W. Kinney, Ward 22.

Twenty-six traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Sixth Session, April Sitting, to appear June 2, 1930:

William A. Murray, Ward 1; William L. Sullivan, Ward 1; John J. O'Brien, Ward 3; Samuel T. Billings, Ward 4; Clifford W. Morse, Ward 4; Carl M. Roane, Ward 4; Henry H. Hill, Ward 5; Alfred A. Lloyd, Ward 5; Patrick J. Barrett, Ward 7; William E. Hoeft, Ward 7; John J. Donahue, Ward 8; Jacob S. Gaines, Ward 9; Thomas J. Hilland, Ward 11; John P. Wall, Ward 11; Anphias S. Morash, Ward 12; John P. Pearle, Ward 12; George A. Stevens, Ward 13; James M. Broderick, Ward 14; Israel Seskin, Ward 14; John C. Field, Ward 15; Thomas H. Costello, Ward 16; Peter Conroy, Ward 17; William E. Dillon, Ward 17; Albert G. Reichert, Ward 18; Thurston P. Day, Ward 20; Thomas F. Hession, Ward 22.

Twenty-seven traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Seventh Session, April Sitting, to appear June 2, 1930:

Daniel J. Collins, Ward 1; Frederick J. Emmons, Ward 1; Edward J. McLaughlin, Ward 1; Brisco Sacco, Ward 1; Francis T. Harrington, Ward 2; Raymond F. Kiley, Ward 2; William J. Murphy, Ward 2; Jacob W. Davis, Ward 3; James C. Jones, Ward 6; James E. Lynch, Ward 7; Jeremiah J. O'Connor, Ward 7; Potter C. Palmer, Ward 7; Frederick C. Riemer, Ward 7; Thomas F. Scully, Ward 8; William P. Heffernan, Ward 10; William A. Taylor, Ward 10; Howard C. Appleton, Ward 12; Harry DeGroot, Ward 12; Alfred C. Reidel, Ward 13; James J. Carroll, Ward 15; Joseph T. Dunican, Ward 15; Edson H. Fletcher, Ward 17; Victor E. Nelson, Ward 18; Karl H. West, Ward 18; William C. Norton, Ward 19; Melvin E. Thomas, Ward 20; Patrick D. Melia, Ward 22.

Coun. ARNOLD in the chair.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

The following were received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 5, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—Subject to the confirmation of your body, I appoint as Constables, for the term ending April 30, 1931, the following:

C. P. Gill, 16 Allston street, Charlestown; Joseph B. Corey, 37 Grenhill road, Mattapan; John J. Leventhal, 84 Gordon street, Brighton; Walter S. Milliken, 68 Highland street, Roxbury; Joseph Hana, 1030 Washington street, Boston; Timothy S. Rush, 1411 Dorchester avenue, Dorchester; Michael J. Hafey, 2 Concord street, Charlestown; John J. Lenehan, 60 Telegraph street, South Boston; Thomas Cannizzaro, 177 K street, South Boston; Thomas J. Roche, 25 Telegraph street, South Boston; William A. Copson, Jr., 43 Woodcliff street, Roxbury; James P. Carty, 6 Adelaide

street, West Roxbury; John J. Sullivan, 29 Rawson street, South Boston; Harry Kantron, 38 Vesta road, Dorchester.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 5, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—Subject to the confirmation of your body, I appoint as Weighers of Coal, for the term ending April 30, 1931, the following:

Walter F. Parker, 160 Fayette street, Wollaston; John H. Parker, 160 Fayette street, Wollaston; David F. Parker, 160 Fayette street, Wollaston; Charles E. Cann, 160 Fayette street, Wollaston; Paul J. Comerford, 8 Mapleton street, Brighton; A. F. Barry, 33 Wright avenue, Medford; Gertrude Callahan, 376 Albany street, Boston.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

The appointments were laid over a week under the law.

CONSTRUCTION OF PORTABLE BAND-STANDS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 5, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Joseph A. Rourke, Commissioner of Public Works, regarding the construction of portable bandstands to take care of the city requirements. This is in reply to your order of April 21, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department, April 30, 1930.
To His Honor the Mayor:

In reply to attached order in Council, that the Public Works Commissioner purchase or have constructed an adequate number of portable bandstands to take care of city requirements. We find that the Park Department has a number of these portable bandstands at present, and they cost when constructed some years ago about \$1,400 each. At this price the total cost for the number probably required could not be found in the budget item this year.

Incidentally, I think the band concerts in general are conducted under the direction of the Park Department and the money furnished in their appropriation, and I am sure that I have never seen an item for music in the Public Works Department budget up to date, and although perfectly willing to construct any number of these stands if the money is made available, I respectfully suggest that the Park Department is the proper service through which these stands should be provided.

Yours very truly,
JOSEPH A. ROURKE,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

OFFICIAL THOROUGHFARE PLAN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 5, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—Chapter 168 of the Acts of 1930 provides for the establishing of an official thoroughfare plan by the City of Boston, upon the recommendations of the City Planning Board, the Board of Street Commissioners, and the Board of Park Commissioners. The hit or miss method of making street widenings and extensions by piece-meal, made necessary by changes in administration and divergent opinions, should no longer be tolerated and the passage of this act affords an opportunity to make a beginning on a comprehensive plan, to take care of the present and future needs of the city for street and traffic improvements. I recommend the passage of the accompanying order for the acceptance of the act.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That chapter 168 of the Act of 1930, entitled "An Act Authorizing the City of Boston

to Establish and Maintain an Official Thoroughfare Plan," be and the same hereby is accepted.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS PLAN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 5, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Frederic H. Fay, chairman of the City Planning Board, relative to the report of the board on a comprehensive plan of street improvements.

This is in reply to your order of April 21, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

City Planning Board,
Boston, April 29, 1930.

Hon James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—The City Planning Board is in receipt of copy of order passed by the City Council at its meeting April 21, 1930, *i. e.*:

Ordered, That the City Planning Board, through his Honor the Mayor, be and said board hereby is, respectfully requested to furnish the City Council with copies of the proposed Report of the City Planning Board with reference to a comprehensive plan of street improvements.

The comprehensive plan of street improvements referred to is now in the hands of the printer and has reached page-proof form. Most of the cuts are finished with the exception of one large colored map in the form of an insert. With the completion of this colored map and the final printing and binding the report will be ready for distribution and copies will be placed in the hands of the members of the City Council at the earliest possible moment.

The report is the result of three years of careful investigation and is based upon an unusually complete traffic analysis and forecast of future growth and requirements. It will be accompanied by a definite construction program and also a financial plan.

It is the hope of the City Planning Board that this present plan, after being submitted to further examination and criticism by public and private interests, may serve as the basis of the Official Thoroughfare Plan to be prepared under the provisions of chapter 168 of the Acts of 1930.

Respectfully submitted,
FREDERIC H. FAY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

ADDITIONAL DEPUTY SEALERS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 5, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I submit herewith an ordinance which increases the number of deputy sealers of weights and measures from twelve to fourteen. The reasons for the increase are set forth in the appended communication from the sealer. The work of the department is of vital importance for the protection of our citizens against unscrupulous merchants and I accordingly recommend the early passage of the ordinance.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Appended was the following from the Sealer of Weights and Measures:

May 2, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I respectfully request that an addition be made to the force of deputy sealers, owing to the urgent demand made upon us for service owing to ever-increasing legislation. I feel that in order to keep abreast with these demands that at least two more men should be added to present force as soon as possible.

Annually in the reports of the department for the past several years I have called attention to the necessity of increasing the number of deputy

sealers. The eleven deputy sealers now working cannot perform the work which under existing law is demanded of them.

The attention of your Honor is called to the fact that within the past thirty-four years only two have been added to the force of deputy sealers. Within that period the population of the city has increased 282,700, that is, from 496,920 to 779,620, according to the latest state census. The cities and towns of the metropolitan area have also increased in the same proportion and as many of the residents of these surrounding cities and towns do a large part of their purchasing in Boston, this department has practically the supervision over the weighing and measuring devices of commercial and industrial enterprises that cater to a population of approximately 1,800,000 persons.

Therefore, based upon the aforesaid increase in population and the necessarily increased use of measuring devices and the incidental inspectional work, I sincerely trust that your Honor will consider favorably the request for these additional two deputy sealers of weights and measures.

Respectfully yours,
JAMES A. SWEENEY, Sealer.

An Ordinance Concerning the Weights and Measures Department.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Chapter 37 of the Revised Ordinances of 1925 is hereby amended by striking out section one and inserting in place thereof the following:

Section 1. The weights and measures department shall be under the charge of the sealer of weights and measures. There shall be a chief deputy sealer and thirteen other deputy sealers. The salaries paid to the sealer and to the deputies shall be in full compensation for their services.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

E. N. Barnes, for compensation for collapse of boiler at 149 Milton street, caused by water being shut off without notice.

Francis Carr, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 219 Broadway.

Catherine E. Crowley, for compensation for damage to property at Faneuil and Harriet streets, Brighton.

Eleanor M. Delappe, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Stoughton street.

Freedson Shoe Company, for refund on unused refuse tickets.

Mary Glendon, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at F and Seventh streets.

Buela M. Hamlin, for refund on lodging house license.

Walter B. Lancaster, for compensation for damage to car by city car.

Mollie A. McDonald, for refund on Sunday license.

Angelina Milano, for compensation for loss of hens killed by dogs.

Hyman E. Orenberg, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at 224 Warren street.

Andreas Peterson, for compensation for damage to property at 8 Smith street, Roxbury, caused by backing up of sewage.

Josephine Robbio, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Hamilton place.

Peter Shlageris, for refund on poolroom license.

Athas Sotras, for refund on victualler's license.

Marion Tack, for compensation for damage to car by city car.

Florence Williams, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Bickwell avenue.

Executive.

Amelia Burnham, for children to appear at Jordan Hall on May 19, 1930.

Theresa Doyle, for children to appear at Howard Temple Hall on May 27, 1930.

Mrs. William S. Butler, for children to appear at Mechanics Building on May 10, 1930.

Rev. T. J. Brennan, for children to appear at Gate of Heaven Hall on May 5, 1930.

Teachers' Parent Association, for children to appear at Germania Hall on May 5, 1930.

Gertrude F. Dreyer, for an annuity on account of death of Franklin B. Dreyer of the Police Department.

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

Notice was received of the following appointments by the Mayor.

For the term ending April 30, 1931:

Thomas F. Sullivan, 1736 Columbia road, South Boston, to be Transit Commissioner, being designated as chairman of the commission.

For the term ending April 30, 1933:

Harry J. Greenblatt, of 224 Seaver street, Roxbury, to be a member of the Board of Examiners.

For the term ending April 30, 1934:

Rupert S. Carven, 56 Baldwin street, Charlestown, to be City Auditor.

Charles J. Fox, 3 Carmel street, Roxbury, to be Budget Commissioner.

William J. Casey, 402 Columbia road, Dorchester, to be Superintendent of Printing.

Dr. Francis X. Mahoney, 22 Lake street, Boston, to be Health Commissioner.

Daniel H. Rose, 8 Kenwood street, Dorchester, to be Superintendent of Markets.

For the term ending April 30, 1935:

Carl Dreyfus, 68 Summer street, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Boston City Hospital.

Nathan Sidd, of 87 Wheatland avenue, Dorchester, to be a member of the City Planning Board.

Frank W. Buxton, 29 Sutherland road, Brighton, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Boston Public Library.

Severally placed on file.

NOTICES OF INTEREST IN CONTRACTS.

Notice was received from Frederic H. Fay, chairman of the City Planning Board and of the Board of Zoning Adjustment, that as a member of the engineering firm of Fay, Spoford & Thorndike, he is interested in a contract of said firm with the city to provide engineering and naval architectural services necessary for the design and supervision of construction of a new municipal fireboat.

Notice was received from Thomas L. Flynn, employed as a civil engineer in the Building Department, Zoning Division, of a contract between him and the city to zone the City of Boston atlases, to prepare plans and do any further engineering service that may be required, the work to be done outside of his regular working hours at the Building Department.

Notices placed on file

RESIGNATION OF FRANCIS E. KELLY.

Notice was received from the Mayor that he had received and accepted, effective as of April 23, 1930, the resignation of Francis E. Kelly from the position of constable.

Placed on file.

FILING OF INDEMNITY BOND.

Notice was received that William E. Foss, director and chief engineer of the Water Division of the Metropolitan District Commission, had filed with the City Clerk a bond of indemnity from the C. & R. Construction Company of 75 Bradeen street, Roslindale, in connection with its contract with this commission for furnishing and laying water pipes in the Brighton district of Boston, under contract No. 73.

Placed on file.

CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The bonds of the following-named constables, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, were received and approved, viz.:

David Belson, Aleck Berg, George A. Borofski, John H. Brady, Charles B. Broad, George W. Brooker, Warren A. Brown, Sherman H. Calderwood, James A. Canton, Thomas C. Carr, Matthew W. Chait, William K. Coburn, William A. Colluppy, Henry C. Dahlquist, William Davis, John J. Dillon, George G. Drew, Louis Ebb, William E.

Elton, William H. Flynn, Peter C. Foy, Henry J. Gilmore, Maurice J. Glick, Samuel Goldkrand, Sears H. Grant, Salvatore Grassa, William C. Gregory, St. Clair E. Hale, John F. Halligan, John H. Howard, Jacob Isgur, Walter Isidor, Max Jacobs, William J. Johnson, Harry Kahn, James Kaplan, Thomas J. Killian, Bronis Kontrim, Mark H. Krafsur, Abraham Krinsky, Joseph Labagnara, Leslie P. Mane, Russell T. Mann, Elmer S. Nyman, Edward Ober, Michael W. Ober, Joseph J. O'Mara, Phillip S. Phillips, Leonard M. Pike, James A. Quinn, Robert Reid, Abraham Rosenberg, Nathan E. Rosenberg, Robert E. Scott, Frank Shaw, Samuel Shain, Sidney J. Sheinfeld, Isaac Shulman, Henry J. D. Small, Leon Small, David Tobey, Jeremiah A. Twomey, John J. Walsh, James H. Waugh, Joseph Weiner, Richard W. Whipple, Max Workman, John A. Wragg, Louis Yacker.

LAYING OUT ASTORIA STREET.

Coun. RUBY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept Astoria street, Ward 14, as a public highway.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

LAYING OUT GARFIELD STREET.

Coun. ENGLERT offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept Garfield street, Ward 11, as a public highway.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

OILING SURFACE OF PLAYGROUND, WARD 11.

Coun. ENGLERT offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to treat with oil the surface of all playgrounds in Ward 11.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS IN WARD 10.

Coun. POWER offered the following orders:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave Parker street, from Tremont street to Ward street, Ward 10, with smooth paving.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Cranford street, Ward 10, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Basswood street, Ward 10, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Floyd street, Ward 10, as a public highway.

Orders severally passed under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

On motion of Coun. WILSON the Council voted at 2.59 p. m. to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The members reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by President LYNCH at 3.35 p. m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. CURTIS, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Reports on petitions (referred today) for licenses for children to appear in public, recommending that licenses be granted as follows:

Amelia Burnham, for children to appear at Jordan Hall on May 19, 1930.

Theresa Doyle, for children to appear at Howard Temple Hall on May 27, 1930.

Mrs. William S. Butler, for children to appear at Mechanics Building on May 10, 1930.

Rev. T. J. Brennan, for children to appear at Gate of Heaven Hall on May 5, 1930.

Teachers' Parent Association, for children to appear at Germania Hall on May 5, 1930.

Reports accepted, licenses granted on the usual conditions.

2. Report on order (submitted by the Mayor and referred today) that chapter 168 of the Acts of 1930, entitled "An Act authorizing the City of Boston to establish and maintain an official thoroughfare plan," be, and the same is, hereby accepted—recommending passage of said order.

Report accepted, said order passed.

3. Report on the petition (referred today) of Gertrude F. Dreyer for an annuity on account of the death of Franklin B. Dreyer, late of the Police Department,—recommending the passage of the following:

Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 182 of the Acts of 1930, as amended by chapter 241 of the Acts of 1930, an annuity of sixteen hundred dollars be allowed and paid to Gertrude F. Dreyer, widow of Franklin B. Dreyer, otherwise known as Franklin B. Dwyer, a member of the Police Department, who was killed in the performance of his duty on April 24, 1930; said annuity being made up of allowances as follows:

For the widow, Gertrude F. Dreyer, so long as she remains unmarried, \$1,000 per annum.

For each of the following named children, during such time as he or she is under the age of eighteen or over said age and physically or mentally incapacitated from earning, \$200 per annum:

Marion B. Dreyer, born January 3, 1926,

Franklin B. Dreyer, born September 19, 1928,

Paul L. Dreyer, born February 27, 1930,

the payments to date from April 25, 1930, and to be charged to the appropriation for Police Department, Pensions and Annuities.

Report accepted, order passed under suspension of the rule.

4. Report on order (referred April 14) that an annuity of \$600 be allowed and paid to the widow of Frank H. Laskey, late member of the Boston Fire Department, who died from injuries received in the performance of his duty—that said order ought to pass.

Report accepted, said order passed.

LOAN FOR CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL PAVILION.

Coun. DONOVAN, for the Committee on Finance, submitted a report on the orders (referred April 7) for a loan of \$248,000 to be expended under the direction of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital for children's pavilion, that the orders ought to pass.

Report accepted, and the question came on the passage of the orders.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr President, I might say that this additional loan permits the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital to construct an eight-story building, where they formerly had a four-story building under construction, and permits the doctors there to segregate children's diseases, so that they will not have to fumigate the whole ward. The trustees consider this a much-needed improvement, along lines fostered by Doctor English, in charge of the hospital.

The order was passed, yeas 20, nays 0.

LEASE OF OLD STATE HOUSE.

Coun. McGRATH, for the Committee on Public Lands, submitted a report on the order (transmitted by the Mayor and referred April 28) for a lease to the Bostonian Society of the Old State House for a term of twenty years at an annual rental of \$100—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted, said order passed, yeas 20, nays 0.

SIDEWALK FOR FORD STREET, WARD 1.

Coun. DONOVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along 4-8 Ford street, Ward 1, in

front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

President LYNCH called up under unfinished business No. 1 on the calendar, viz.:

1. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor April 28, 1930, of Thomas J. O'Connor, H. D. Ower, and Beecher McLean to be Weighers of Goods.

The question came on confirmation. Committee, Coun. Hein and Fitzgerald. Whole number of ballots, 17, yeas 17, and the appointments were confirmed.

SALE OF LAND, DEXTER STREET.

President LYNCH called up under unfinished business No. 3 on the calendar, viz.:

3. Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized, in the name and behalf of the City of Boston, to sell at public auction at an upset price of three thousand one hundred fifty dollars all the right, title and interest of the City of Boston in and to a parcel of land situate in Charlestown on the northeasterly side of Dexter street at the corner of said Dexter street and Alford street, containing four thousand eight hundred thirty square feet of land, more or less, and execute and deliver a deed of the said parcel of land to the purchaser of said land in form satisfactory to the Law Department of the City of Boston.

On April 21, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 20, nays 0.

The order was given its second and final reading and passage, yeas 20, nays 0.

SIDEWALK ON RIVER STREET.

Coun. NORTON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Work make a sidewalk along River street, both sides, from Austin street to West Glenwood avenue, Ward 18, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK ON RIDGEMONT STREET.

Coun. HEIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Ridgemont street, both sides, from Gordon street to Eleanor street, Ward 21, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPAVING TEMPLE STREET, WARD 20.

Coun. COX offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Temple street, from Ivory street to Baker street, Ward 20.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ADDITIONAL TENNIS COURTS, WARD 20.

Coun. COX offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install four tennis courts on the Sturgis road side of Billings Field, Ward 20.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

LOCKER BUILDING, BILLINGS FIELD.

Coun. COX offered the following:

Ordered, That the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commission for the erection of a locker building, and the installation of the necessary equipment, on Billings Field Playground, Ward 20, and that to meet such expense the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, at the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

FIXING UP JEFFERSON SCHOOL PLAYGROUND.

Coun. POWER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to loan, roll and grade the Jefferson School Playground, Ward 10.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PLACE FOR SMALL CHILDREN, JEFFERSON SCHOOL PLAYGROUND.

Coun. POWER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to set aside a section of the Jefferson School Playground for the use of small children.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEEDS, DORCHESTER.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner, through his Honor the Mayor, be, and he hereby is, respectfully requested to advise the City Council forthwith in detail concerning any increase or increases in fire apparatus, fire equipment, fire stations or men during the past ten years in Wards 16 and 17.

Coun. WILSON — Mr. President, I have introduced that order so that we may obtain information, and I hope that we will get it in the course of the next week or ten days, a complaint having been made by the Dorchester Board of Trade with regard to the situation in the Dorchester district, particularly Wards 16 and 17, from Neponset river over to Blue Hill avenue. The point has been raised by that organization that, despite the immense increase in the number of houses, families and buildings in that district of Dorchester, there is absolutely no improvement in fire protection conditions. That may or may not be true, but it is my hope to ascertain what the situation really is, to find out what increase there has been in fire houses and in fire-fighting facilities in that district, and also to obtain the figures showing the great increase in number of buildings. Having the information, I shall then endeavor to call the attention of his Honor the Mayor to the fact that that section of Dorchester particularly is not at present properly protected against fire, especially when we consider that for fires in town or in other sections the apparatus from that section is moved in. In case of a serious fire downtown the River street and Neponset engine houses are called upon, so that that section out there is practically left without protection.

Coun. RUBY — Mr. President, may I ask the councillor from Ward 17 if he would have any objection to including in that order as an amendment Wards 13, 14 and 15 of the Dorchester section, because I think the Dorchester Board of Trade intimated at the meeting to which the councillor refers that the entire five wards of Dorchester might properly be considered in connection with this. So I think they might well be included in the order.

Coun. WILSON — Mr. President, I have no objection to the amendment proposed to the order by Councillor Ruby, including Wards 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17, taking in all the Dorchester wards. I did not want to attempt to interfere with the other wards not represented by me unless an intimation was made to that effect by some of the other councillors. Wards 16 and 17 were the outlying

wards that I had particularly in mind as being seriously affected by the present situation. But I have no objection to the proposed amendment.

Coun. FISH — Mr. President, last year I put in an order raising a question why Engine 20 out in that district should be called upon to respond to second-alarm fires, leaving the district unprotected. So I would certainly like to have this matter looked into and reported upon, to see if it cannot be straightened out in such a way as will keep Engine 20 in Neponset.

The amendment suggested by Councillor Ruby, to include Wards 13, 14 and 15, was adopted, and the order as amended, covering Wards 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 — was passed under suspension of the rule.

REPORT ON CONSTABLES.

Coun. WILSON — Mr. President, I have a business duty to perform at this time, acting for the Committee on Constables, to the extent of presenting further names to the body for confirmation. I might state that a further meeting was held on Friday, and that the duty of the committee has not proved to be necessarily a pleasant one, because there seems to be an attitude on the part of some constables in Boston of not wishing to cooperate with the committee. They seem to require jacking up. While our proceeding is merely of a formal and routine character, they seem to entirely disregard any efforts by us, when we are merely attempting to look into complaints and to hear both sides, to try to clear up the situation. There are certain names, however, on which we desire to report favorably at this time. Assuming that the members of the Council still have some reliance on the committee, and the chairman of the committee, for one, being willing to continue only so long as there is a degree of confidence in him and his committee, we have reported favorably upon certain names of constables connected with official positions and to serve without bonds, and others authorized to serve civil process upon filing bonds. Of the first — those connected with official positions and to serve without bonds — we have reported favorably upon twenty-three names. There were those twenty-three names held up a week ago because the committee had checked up on some constables in the last three or four years and these names had not appeared. But we found upon summoning each of those men that they are now connected with official positions, to serve without bonds; that they had suffered the fortunes of war, unfortunately, in the previous administration, not being continued under it, and that now the pendulum has swung again and they are with the right administration once more! The names are as follows: Frederick A. Cronin, Barney C. DeLuca, Charles E. Dowd, John F. Egan, Michael J. Field, Walter D. Flynn, John H. Glennon, Gabriel Grappocio, James V. Hartrey, Dennis J. Hickey, Harris Hirschberg, John T. Kelly, Samuel Kouppchik, Frederick K. Lawrence, John J. Linehan, John H. Logue, Henry Loughray, Frederick J. Lundy, Vincenzo Musto, George A. Nelson, Peter Salem, John T. Thornell and James J. Twohig, Jr.

As to the list of constables authorized to serve civil process upon filing bonds, we are having further hearings. We are giving our time in looking into the matter, checking up the various complaints, and so on. The names recommended for confirmation at this time of constables authorized to serve civil process upon filing bonds, are

Julius Ansel, William J. Baker, Daniel J. Barry, Joseph L. Bennett, Samuel Coulter, Dwight Cummings, Joseph P. Cutter, Louis Davis, Thomas Freedman, Henry A. Gagin, Paul R. Gast, Louis Goldberg, Myer Goldstein, Edmund C. Grady, John S. Grady, Charles E. Hale, John D. Hayes, Abraham M. Hecht, Moses F. Kalish, William H. Kenney, Salvatore Maffei, Isie Martin, Anthony D. McMan, William J. Mitchell, Henry L. Murphy, Patrick H. Murphy, Samuel Semiansky, Michael J. Shields, John F. Welch and Maurice Zeeman.

I will give to the clerk the list, showing twenty-three names of constables holding official positions and to serve without bonds, and thirty to serve civil process upon filing bonds.

Coun. GREEN — Mr. President, I would like to ask the chairman of the Committee on Constables if the name of Martin J. Leggett, on page 7, was omitted?

Coun. WILSON — Mr. President, the name of Martin J. Leggett has not been reported for the following three reasons. In the first place, he was absent from the first meeting of the committee; in the second place, so far as the committee knows, he has not yet made a sworn return; and in the third place, the letter the committee sent him was returned stamped to the effect that he was not living at that address.

Coun. GREEN — Mr. Chairman, I might say for the information of the chairman and the members of the committee that this man has been sick, and that that is the reason why he has not made the necessary return. He is, however, back on the job again, and asked me to notify the chairman of the committee to that effect.

President LYNCH — The question comes on acceptance of the committee's report and confirmation of the names submitted by the chairman of the committee.

The report of the Committee on Constables was accepted, and the question came on confirmation of the names above reported by Councilor Wilson.

Committee, Coun. Cox and Fish. Whole

number of ballots, 20, yeas 20, and the appointments were confirmed.

AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC SIGNALS, WARD 19.

Coun. MURRAY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an automatic traffic signal at the junction of Washington street and Asticou road, Ward 19.

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an automatic traffic signal at the junction of Centre street, the Arborway and May street, Ward 19.

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an automatic traffic signal at the junction of Centre and Green streets, Ward 19.

Orders passed under suspension of the rule.

Adjourned at 4.10, on motion of Coun. HEIN, to meet on Monday, May 12, at 2 p. m.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, May 12, 1930.

Regular meeting of the City Council in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President LYNCH presiding. Absent, Coun. Dowd, Gleason and Mahoney.

ACCEPTANCE OF STREET CONSTRUCTION LEGISLATION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 12, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith copies of statutes just enacted by the Legislature authorizing expenditures by the City of Boston for (a) sewerage works, (b) widening and construction of Summer and L streets, (c) reconstruction of accepted streets, (d) acceptance and construction of new streets. All four of these acts require acceptance by the City Council and I recommend the passage of the accompanying four orders providing for their acceptance.

In view of the delay in obtaining this legislation and the lateness of the season, I respectfully request that these acceptance orders be adopted under a suspension of the rules. While I hesitate to urge the Council to take hasty action on such important matters, I may point out that the acceptance of the acts in question merely opens the way for the submission of the tax and loan orders necessary to meet the conditions imposed by the Legislature.

If the Council sees fit to adopt the acceptance orders today I shall immediately submit the tax and loan orders for your consideration.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That chapter 264 of the Acts of 1930, entitled, "An Act Relative to the Widening and Construction of Summer and L Streets in the South Boston District of the City of Boston," be, and the same hereby is, accepted.

Ordered, That chapter 304 of the Acts of 1930, entitled, "An Act to Authorize the City of Boston to Borrow Money for the Purpose of Constructing Sanitary and Surface Drainage Sewers," be, and the same hereby is, accepted.

Ordered, That chapter 305 of the Acts of 1930, entitled, "An Act to Authorize the City of Boston to Borrow Money for the Reconstruction of Streets," be, and the same hereby is, accepted.

Ordered, That chapter 306 of the Acts of 1930, entitled, "An Act Authorizing the City of Boston to Borrow Money for the Laying Out and Construction of Streets," be, and the same hereby is, accepted.

The several orders were passed under suspension of the rule.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn under the law, Coun. GALLAGHER presiding at the box in the absence of the Mayor, as follows:

Twenty-four additional traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, First Session, to appear May 12, 1930:

Joseph Ferullo, Ward 1; Andrew G. Hegner, Ward 1; Patrick J. McKenna, Ward 1; Henry N. Nelson, Ward 1; John A. Stahle, Ward 5; Albert Schnabel, Ward 6; Joseph C. L. Crowley, Ward 7; Edward A. Lomer, Ward 7; Joseph S. Freeman, Ward 9; Frank J. McKenna, Ward 8; Joseph H. Scheffler, Ward 10; Louis Brenner, Ward 12; Joseph I. Lewis, Ward 12; Patrick C. Doyle, Ward 14; Edgar N. Barron, Ward 14; Hyman Solomon, Ward 17; Frans J. R. Gyllenberg, Ward 18;

Edmund J. Padden, Ward 18; Anthony J. Hankey, Ward 19; George L. Margeson, Jr., Ward 20; Joseph H. Short, Ward 21; Reuben Shulman, Ward 21; Ernest L. Fiske, Ward 22; John L. Wallace, Ward 22.

JEFFERSON PLAYGROUND.

The following were received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 12, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, relative to fencing a section of the Jefferson School Playground for the use of small children. This is in reply to your order of May 5, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, May 9, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Council order that the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to set aside a section of the Jefferson School Playground for the use of small children. I wish to state there is an area set aside for this purpose.

I regret exceedingly to inform you, however, that we have no funds available for the erection of a fence or the building of the necessary shelter, etc.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 12, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Mr. William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, with reference to the grading and loaming of Jefferson Playground. This is in reply to your order of May 5, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, May 9, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Council order requesting that the Park Commission, through his Honor the Mayor, loam, roll and grade the Jefferson School Playground, Ward 10, I beg to say that part of this work has been completed. The necessary loaming and grading will be attended to as soon as it is possible to get to it.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.
Severally placed on file.

OILING SURFACE OF PLAYGROUNDS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 12, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, with reference to treating all playgrounds in Ward 11 with oil. This is in reply to your order of May 5, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, May 9, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Council order that the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to treat with oil the surface of all playgrounds in Ward 11, I desire to say that all playgrounds in the entire city will be cared for as soon as possible.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.
Placed on file.

TENNIS COURTS, BILLINGS FIELD.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 12, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, with reference to installing tennis courts in Billings Field. This is in reply to your order of May 5, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, May 9, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Council order that the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install four tennis courts on the Sturges road side of Billings Field, Ward 20, I desire to say that this department is having estimates prepared at the present time on the cost of excavating, draining and building same, and if it is possible to comply with the request from our regular maintenance fund, it will be a pleasure to do so.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted appointments of the following, for term ending April 30, 1931, viz.:

Weigher of Goods: Leslie A. Pike, 177 Milk street, Boston.

Weighers of Coal: Philip H. Quinn, 75 Tracy avenue, Lynn; Alvin S. Hartman, Grove street, Melrose; Thomas H. Butcher, 56 Breed street, Melrose; Ernest W. Litch, Boston State Hospital, Dorchester Center Station; Walter R. Bowman; Boston State Hospital, Dorchester Center Station; Lena Simon, 635 Morton street, Dorchester; Harold Keane, 7 Lawndale terrace, Jamaica Plain; Leslie A. Pike, 177 Milk street, Boston.

Severally laid over a week under the law.

APPROPRIATION FOR ENTERTAINMENT OF GUESTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 12, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—Under the provisions of chapter 277 of the Acts of 1930 municipalities are authorized to make expenditures in connection with the holding of conventions and the entertainment of distinguished guests. The maximum expenditure authorized in any one year under this act is \$75,000.

In view of the large number of conventions to be held in this city during the current year, together with the many distinguished guests who may be expected to visit the city during the tercentenary celebration, I feel that it will be necessary to appropriate for this year at least the maximum amount authorized by law. I accordingly submit herewith an appropriation order in the sum of \$75,000 for the purposes specified in chapter 277 and recommend adoption of this order by your honorable body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That to meet the current expenses payable during the financial year beginning with the first day of January, 1930, for performing the duties and exercising the powers devolved by statute or ordinance, or by vote of the City Council during the year, upon the City of Boston, or the department or officers thereof, the respective sum of money specified in the table hereinafter set forth be, and the same hereby is, appropriated to be expended for the objects and purposes hereinafter

stated, that the same be raised by taxation upon the polls and estates taxable in the City of Boston, and that all orders relating to appropriations, taxes and the interest thereon apply to the taxes herein provided for.

Conventions and Entertainment of Distinguished Guests.....\$75,000

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

RESCISSION OF BUNKER HILL STREET LOAN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 12, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—On February 17, 1930, the City Council adopted a loan order of \$100,000 for the resurfacing of Bunker Hill street, which order was approved by me on February 19, 1930. No expenditures have been made as yet under this order. The loan was inside the debt limit and therefore reduced the borrowing capacity of the city by the amount of \$100,000. The enactment by the Legislature of the act authorizing the expenditure of \$2,000,000 outside the debt limit for reconstruction of streets affords an opportunity to resurface Bunker Hill street with money obtained from that source rather than by loan inside the debt limit.

I accordingly recommend the passage of the accompanying order rescinding the loan of \$100,000 for resurfacing Bunker Hill street and assure the Council and the citizens of Charlestown that the street will be resurfaced notwithstanding the rescission of the loan.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the order passed by the City Council February 17, 1930, and approved by the Mayor February 19, 1930, for a loan of \$100,000 to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works for the resurfacing of Bunker Hill street, Ward 2, be, and the same hereby is, rescinded.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

VETO OF ANNUITY TO WIDOW OF FRANK H. LASKEY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 12, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I return herewith, without my approval, the order of your honorable body providing for the payment of an annuity to the widow of Frank H. Laskey, late member of the Fire Department. Mr. Frank H. Laskey collapsed and died suddenly while visiting Deer Island upon a tour of inspection.

The statutes providing for annuities to the widows of firemen and policemen have been passed upon and construed by every Corporation Counsel in the past thirty years. They have successively decided that in order to entitle the widow to an annuity there must have been a physical injury received in the performance of duty, which injury was the direct cause of death. From the medical report in the Laskey case it does not appear that his death comes within the limits of such a definition.

A similar order providing payment of an annuity to the widow of Frank H. Laskey was vetoed by my predecessor, Hon. Malcolm E. Nichols, in consequence of an official opinion of the Law Department.

I sympathize with the families of deceased firemen and policemen when the death results from overwork or exposure but the terms of the statute preclude the city from granting annuities in such cases, and there is no other course open but to disapprove.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

WIDENING OF SUMMER AND L STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 12, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—Under the provisions of chapter 264 of the Acts of 1930, the city is authorized to borrow outside the statutory limit of indebtedness the sum of \$1,000,000 for the widening and construction of Summer and L streets in the South Boston district, provided a "sum equal to 10 per cent of the loan so authorized is voted for the same purpose" from taxes. This improvement, affecting as it does a great commercial and industrial section of the city, is one of the most important projects of its kind to be initiated in recent years. In order that there may be no unnecessary delay in the starting of this important work, I submit herewith two orders as required under the statute, one providing for a loan appropriation of \$1,000,000, and the other for an appropriation from taxes in the amount of \$100,000.

I respectfully recommend adoption of these orders by your honorable body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 264 of the Acts of 1930 the sum of \$1,000,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Board of Street Commissioners for Summer and L Streets, Widening and Construction of, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston to said amount, the same to be issued outside the limit of indebtedness.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Ordered, That the sum of \$100,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Board of Street Commissioners for Summer and L Streets, Widening and Construction of, in accordance with chapter 264 of the Acts of 1930, and the amount so appropriated be raised by taxation on the polls and estates in the City of Boston.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

CONSTRUCTION OF SEWERS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 12, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—Up to the current year the city was limited in its borrowings for the construction of sewers to \$1,000,000. In recent years this amount has proved inadequate to provide for the needs of the city in this respect. Under provisions of chapter 304 of the Acts of 1930, the Legislature has authorized the city to borrow, outside the statutory limit of indebtedness, an additional \$500,000 for the construction of sanitary and surface drainage sewers. In accordance with the prevailing custom before the city can avail itself of this authorization a sum equal to 10 per cent of the loan so authorized must be provided from taxes. I accordingly submit herewith two orders, one providing for a loan appropriation of \$500,000, and the other for an appropriation of \$50,000 from taxes.

I respectfully recommend adoption of these orders.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 304 of the Acts of 1930 the sum of \$500,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Commissioner of Public Works for Sewerage Works, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston to said amount, the same to be issued outside the limit of indebtedness.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Ordered, That the sum of \$50,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Commissioner of Public Works for Sewerage Works, in accordance with chapter 304 of the Acts of

1930, and the amount so appropriated be raised by taxation on the polls and estates in the City of Boston.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

RECONSTRUCTION OF STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 12, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—After considerable delay the Legislature has authorized the city to borrow outside the statutory limit of indebtedness the sum of \$2,000,000 for the reconstruction of streets. The necessity for an appropriation of this character is self-evident and has been emphasized by me ever since my inaugural. As a condition precedent to the authorization of this loan "a sum equal to 50 cents on each \$1,000 of valuation upon which taxes are assessed" must be provided from taxes "in the year in which the loan is authorized." The act provides that the sum included in the budget for "reconstructing and repairing streets by contract" shall be taken into consideration in determining the amount to be provided under the act from taxes. On the average valuation of the current year 50 cents will produce approximately \$1,000,000; hence, under the provisions of the act, it is necessary to appropriate in addition to the amount already provided in the budget the sum of \$750,000. I submit herewith two orders as required by statute, one providing for a loan appropriation of \$2,000,000 and the other for an appropriation from taxes in the amount of \$750,000.

I respectfully recommend adoption of these orders by your honorable body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 305 of the Acts of 1930 the sum of \$2,000,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Commissioner of Public Works for Reconstruction of Streets, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston to said amount, the same to be issued outside the limit of indebtedness.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Ordered, That the sum of \$750,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Commissioner of Public Works for Reconstruction of Streets, in accordance with chapter 305 of the Acts of 1930, and the amount so appropriated be raised by taxation on the polls and estates in the City of Boston.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW STREETS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 12, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—Under the provisions of chapter 306 of the Acts of 1930 the city is authorized to borrow outside the statutory limit of indebtedness a sum not exceeding \$2,500,000 for the laying out and construction of new streets. The reason for this authorization is known to all the members of the City Council; consequently, there is no necessity for me at this time to engage in a detailed explanation of the matter.

Under the provisions of the aforesaid act two preliminary steps must be taken by the city; a sum equal to 10 per cent of the total authorization must be provided from taxes, and a sum equal to 20 per cent of the total authorization must be borrowed inside the debt limit. The passage of the loan order for \$500,000 now pending in your honorable body will satisfy the latter.

I submit herewith two orders as required by statute, one providing for a loan outside the statutory limit of indebtedness of \$2,500,000 and the other for an appropriation from taxes of \$250,000. I respectfully recommend adoption of these orders by your honorable body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 306 of the Acts of 1930 the sum of \$2,500,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Board of Street Commissioners for Highways, Making of, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston to said amount, the same to be issued outside the limit of indebtedness.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Ordered, That the sum of \$250,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Board of Street Commissioners for Highways, Making of, in accordance with chapter 306 of the Acts of 1930, and the amount so appropriated be raised by taxation on the polls and estates in the City of Boston.

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

LOAN FOR PLAYGROUND, FANEUIL SECTION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 5, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—For several years there has been agitation on the part of the members of the City Council and other public-spirited citizens for a playground in that portion of Brighton in the vicinity of Faneuil, Market, Arlington and Parsons streets. The City Planning Board and the Committee on Future Parks and Playgrounds have made investigations and submitted several reports on this matter. Under date of April 4, 1930, I am in receipt of a report from the City Planning Board recommending the acquisition for playground purposes of several parcels of land containing approximately 281,207 square feet (6.4 acres), which will be sufficient to provide for baseball diamonds and other playground facilities.

I accordingly transmit herewith the report of the City Planning Board referred to and recommend the passage of the accompanying order for a loan of \$75,000, being the amount required for the acquisition of the land and its improvement for playground purposes as required by the statute.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Planning Board, April 4, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—By request of your Honor the City Planning Board has considered the question of a playground location within the area bounded by Faneuil street, Parsons street, Arlington street and Market street, Brighton district, and begs to submit herewith its conclusions and recommendations in connection therewith.

On July 30, 1926, in response to a City Council order, the Board recommended the acquisition for playground purposes of an area in the adjoining block, bounded by Faneuil, Parsons, Harriet, and Hobart streets, on the ground that the district was developing rapidly for residential purposes and if not taken advantage of immediately for playground use the opportunity would be lost. There was available at that time approximately five acres of vacant land. This has since been developed and there is now remaining in that particular block only about one acre of undeveloped land.

The Committee on Future Parks and Playgrounds, appointed by his Honor Mayor Malcolm E. Nichols, reported that there was need for a playground of four or five acres near the center of the Brighton district, at the same time recommending the widening of the present playground, known as Rogers Park.

In a report on "Future Parks, Playgrounds and Parkways," published by the Boston Park Department under date of November, 1925, although no specific recommendation is made, one of the diagrams indicates that recreation facilities are needed in the locality under consideration.

A study of population figures shows that there is within a quarter mile radius of the block bounded by Faneuil, Parsons, Arlington and Market streets a total of 4,589 persons, according to the 1925 census. The distribution of this population is shown on the accompanying map (Fig. 1) also the

site of the proposed playground in its relation to the other recreational facilities of the district.

The Faneuil section is essentially a residential district, the block in question being zoned almost entirely for residential use. There is in the center of this block a considerable area of vacant land which the Board believes should be taken at this time for playground purposes. It also believes that the buildings fronting on Faneuil street should be taken at the same time in order to allow free access from the north.

A playground area as indicated on the accompanying plan (Fig. 2) contains 281,207 square feet, or approximately 6.4 acres. This is ample for a full-size baseball diamond, bleachers, tennis court, children's corner, and such other equipment as might be desirable. This entire area has an assessed value, land and buildings, of \$28,500. Much of the rear lands has been used for agricultural purposes and are assessed upon an acreage basis, no change having been made in the assessment over a considerable period of years.

This area is recommended by the City Planning Board as desirable in location and size, with its frontage on Faneuil street and an approach from the south by means of Arlington place.

The district is developing rapidly. Very few tracts of land available for playground purposes remain vacant at the present time. Development has already started in this area and the Board believes that action should be taken immediately in advance of further construction.

Respectfully submitted,
THE CITY PLANNING BOARD,
FREDERIC H. FAY, Chairman.

Ordered, That the sum of \$75,000 be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commissioners for Playground, Faneuil District, Brighton, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Nina Charles, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Devens and Main streets.

John A. Clark, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Winter street.

Marco and Felicetta Corrado, for compensation for damage to property at 953 Saratoga street, caused by bursting of water pipes.

John A. Craig, for loss of hens killed by dogs.

Charles DeAngelis, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 7 Unity street.

Mrs. J. F. Dee, for compensation for damage to property at 33 Mead street, caused by falling limb of tree.

Helen Doran, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Commonwealth avenue.

D. R. Evans, for compensation for damage to property caused by an alleged defect in Adams street.

Lyndon M. Evelyn, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

First National Stores, for refund on unused refuse tickets.

Patrick A. Flaherty, for refund on lodging house license.

Charles W. Fraser, for refund on victualler's license.

Mrs. Frances Handel, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 478 Blue Hill avenue.

Marcella E. Hicks, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 8 Fenelon street.

William Hogan, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect on ferryboat.

Fred S. Kent, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

John Lee, for compensation for loss of clothing at City Hospital.

Cyril H. Malone, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in North Harvard street.

Myron M. Navison Shoe Company, for refund on refuse tickets.

B. W. Partridge, Jr., for compensation for damage to car by falling tree.

Sophia Putrise, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect on ferryboat.

Benjamin F. Thebodo, for compensation for injuries caused by city truck.

Executive.

Petition of Anna E. Troy, to be paid an annuity on account of death of her husband, James J. Troy, of Police Department.

Petitions for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement, viz.:

Sylvania A. Durham, First Church, Charlestown, May 13.

Rose Levine, Faelton Hall, June 6.

Mrs. June Moody Fox, Jordan Hall, May 16.

Anne Marie Casey, Municipal Building, May 29.

Mrs. Esther Andrews, Filene's Hall, May 27.

Orin F. Gallagher, Mechanics Hall, May 21.

Committee on Jitney Licenses.

Petition of Boston Elevated Railway to operate buses between Somerville-Boston line at Washington street and Sullivan square, over Cambridge street and Main street, Charlestown (Boston section of a route between Union square, Somerville, and Sullivan square, Boston).

Petition of Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Company, to operate buses from Maverick square, East Boston, via Chelsea street and bridge over Chelsea river to the Boston-Chelsea line.

APPROVAL OF CONSTABLES' BONDS.

Notice was received of approval by the City Treasurer of bonds of the following constables:

Louis Budd, Thomas Freedman, Louis Goldberg, Myer Goldstein, Edmund C. Grady, John S. Grady, Joseph Granara, Charles F. Hale, John D. Hayes, William A. Iannone, Moses F. Kalish, James S. Kiernan, Thomas H. King, Philip E. Lieberman, Frank J. Macchia, William P. Maginnis, John A. May, James McDonough, Henry L. Murphy, Patrick H. Murphy, Bartholomew F. Roach, Michael J. Shields, Henry D. Stetson, John Suulich, Benjamin J. Tackeff, Joseph Todisco, Joseph M. Torr, Aber Uckerman, Roman J. Vasil, Max Zimmerman.

Action was assigned until later in the meeting. Later in the session, the matter was taken up, and the above bonds were approved.

COMMUNICATION FROM SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Notice was received from Secretary of School Committee of resolution passed at meeting May 5 requesting city and state authorities to cooperate in every possible manner with School Committee in an effort to commence work immediately upon the 1930 school building program.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT OF HEALTH INSPECTOR.

Notice was received from Health Department of appointment of James T. O'Hara, 25 North Anderson street, to position of sanitary inspector.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT OF FOOD INSPECTOR.

Notice was received from the Health Department of appointment of William H. Ford, 84 Pembroke street, to position of food inspector.

Placed on file.

NOTICE OF HEARING.

Notice was received from Department of Public Works of Commonwealth of Massachusetts of hearing to be given May 21 at 2 p. m., on application of Castner, Curran & Bullitt, Inc., for license to build and maintain a pile and timber wharf with concrete deck in Mystic river, Charlestown.

Placed on file.

PAY ROLL OF REGISTRY OF DEEDS.

The pay roll of the Registry of Deeds covering regular employees from May 1 to 15, inclusive, to the amount of \$4,781.72, was received and approved.

RESIGNATION OF ABRAHAM A. SINGER AS CONSTABLE.

Notice was received from the Mayor of acceptance of resignation of Abraham S. Singer, 262 Washington street, as constable.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Notice was received from Mayor Curley of the following appointments, viz.:

Edward W. Roemer, 32 Kenneth street, West Roxbury, Building Commissioner, for term ending April 30, 1934.

Simon E. Hecht, 373 Marlborough street, to be Overseer of Public Welfare, for term ending May 1, 1931.

Daniel G. Slattery, 163 Harrison avenue, to be member of Board of Appeal for term ending April 30, 1935.

Severally placed on file.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS, WARD 19.

Coun. MURRAY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an automatic traffic signal at the junction of Perkins street and the Jamaica way, Ward 19.

Ordered That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an automatic traffic signal at the junction of Perkins street and South Huntington avenue, Ward 19.

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an automatic traffic signal at the junction of Washington street and Cummins Highway, Ward 19.

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an automatic traffic signal at the junction of Washington and Poplar streets, Ward 19.

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an automatic traffic signal at the junction of Hyde Park avenue and Blakemore street, Ward 19.

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested through his Honor the Mayor, to erect automobile warning signs in and around all streets at Forest Hills square, Ward 19.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

TRAFFIC ON HARRISON STREET, ROSLINDALE.

Coun. MURRAY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to exclude all commercial vehicles from the use of Harrison street, Roslindale, on week days, between the hours of 7 p. m. and 7 a. m., and all day Sundays.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF WARD 1 STREETS.

Coun. DONOVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept Lillian street, Ward 1, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept Gladstone street, from Breed street to Boardman street, Ward 1, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept Montmorency avenue, Ward 1, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept Teragram street, Ward 1, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept Austin avenue, Ward 1, as a public highway.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

WILLIAM A. CAREY REST.

Coun. DONOVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to name the rest at the junction of Bennington street and Saratoga street, Ward 1, William A. Carey Rest, in memory of the late veteran of the World War of that name.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

INSURANCE OF CITY AUTOMOBILES.

Coun. DONOVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to report to the Boston City Council as to the advisability and feasibility of placing personal and property damage liability insurance on city-owned automobiles and automobile trucks.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

EAST BOSTON RELIEF HOSPITAL.

Coun. DONOVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the sum of three hundred thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Trustees of the Boston City Hospital for the enlargement of the present East Boston Relief Hospital, and that to meet such expense the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, I might say, briefly, upon this order I have just introduced, that I put it in in conformity with the views of the survey of the doctors appointed by former Mayor Nichols, and also in line with the views of the trustees of the Boston City Hospital. They are opposed to the continuation of the installation of relief stations in various sections. In East Boston we have an East Boston relief station, where some 20,000 cases a year are treated; but at that station at the present time major operations are not performed, where persons are injured. At the present time and in the immediate future, due to the increased business that will come to East Boston because of the new airport and the introduction of industries of one kind and another, it is very important that we should have proper hospital accommodation. I have, therefore, introduced this order with that end in view. With this amount it will be possible to build an up-to-date hospital in East Boston, using the present East Boston Relief Station as a nucleus. It is very important, as I say, that that section, being near the waterfront, and having the present increased demands upon it, should have such hospital facilities.

The order was referred to the Committee on Finance.

LOAN FOR HIGHWAYS.

President LYNCH called up, under unfinished business, No. 5 on the calendar, viz.:

5. Ordered, That the sum of \$500,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated for Highways, Making of, under the provisions of chapter 393 of the Acts of 1906, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

On March 24, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 18, nays 0.

The order was given its second and final reading and passage, yeas 18, nays 0.

FIRST AID EQUIPMENT OF BATHING BEACHES.

Coun. FISH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to equip each bathing beach under its jurisdiction with a first-aid medical kit and pulmotor apparatus.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

MOTION TO CONFIRM CONSTABLES.

Coun. GREEN—Mr. President, under unfinished business, I am going to move that we take up, from No. 3 on the calendar, the names of C. P. Gill and Michael J. Hafey.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I understand that the sentiment of the Council has already been expressed in favor of having these various constables receive some degree of attention before acting upon them. That being so, I see no reason why these appointments which have come in to us since the first of May should receive precedence over those that came in before May 1, and without filing the same returns that we require of the other 284.

Coun. GREEN—Mr. President, I will withdraw my motion, and support the chairman of the committee.

The motion was withdrawn.

CENSUS FIGURES FOR WARD 13.

Coun. McGRATH offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council favors a retabulation of the United States census enumeration figures for Ward 13 before they are made official, and that a copy of this resolve be sent to Mr. Leonard A. Frink, Supervisor of the Thirteenth Suffolk census district.

Coun. McGRATH—Mr. President, I wish to say just a few words upon this resolution that I have introduced. I think every member of the Council appreciates the fact that the buying power of the city and its importance along different lines are regulated to some degree by the number of its inhabitants; and many of us are concerned because one of the important wards of our city, Ward 22, has apparently suffered, through the figures submitted in the papers, a loss of 800 or more inhabitants in the last ten years. It is in order to ascertain whether that really is a fact that I present this order today. Before doubting the official count in that district I have gathered information from a number of people in the district. I am told, for example, by a reputable business man in the Savin Hill section that the census enumerator, one of the young fellows covering that district, had spoken of a certain house he had visited on four occasions, and could not find anyone, because the husband and wife were both working, and he said, "If they think I am going back to that street again to get four cents a name, they are mistaken." So I have reason to believe that he purposely failed to go back there and get the names. With the thought in mind that the number of inhabitants in our city governs the standing of our city among the other cities of the country, and that our position as seventh or eighth city in the United States may be decided by the result of this census, I am sincerely interested in seeing a fair count made. The last official count that was made was made in 1925, by the state of Massachusetts, and the count at that time showed that there were 29,266 people living in Ward 13. That was an increase over ten years before, 1915, of 2,781 people. Since 1925 there has been put through the new old Colony Boulevard, which gives splendid motor service to our city. It has

been opened up directly through that ward. There are also two stations of the Dorchester rapid transit, Columbia and Savin Hill, which have been opened in that ward. Everyone who knows about such developments appreciates the fact that no residential or business section is stronger than the transportation facilities afforded there. A city is like a human being, with heart and arteries, the heart sending the current through the arteries and supplying life to the limbs of the individual and the different branches of the city. That is what brings health, and if you sever an artery of the individual or of the city, death of the member supplied by it follows. But we have out there in that ward the finest transportation available in Boston, as a result of which during the last three years there have been 235 new apartments furnished, in seventy buildings. Each of those 235 apartments contains from four to seven rooms. Those familiar with such figures know that you can figure at the minimum four members to a family. So at that rate we would have an increase there of 932 people. But I have gone farther and have checked births against deaths. In the five-year period there have been 2,727 births, with 1,842 deaths, or a net gain of 885 people in the ward. I have also taken a typical school district, the Edward Everett School section, covering six of the precincts of the ward, and including the St. William's elementary school, and I find that the number of pupils has increased from 1,629 in 1925 to 1,890 in that same district this year. Those are facts, statistics, which can be easily verified. I have drawn up some facts and figures here concerning the population of the ward which I will give to the reporter for inclusion in the record. This is intended in no way whatever as a reflection upon Mr. Leonard Frink, in whom is placed the responsibility of the census of the district, because I appreciate the fact that his task is a hard one. I simply ask, however, that before the total of this ward is sent on to Washington and made permanent, it be checked up by a retabulation of the figures. I also ask that the Boston Chamber of Commerce, the Dorchester Board of Trade and the Uphams Corner Citizens Association be sent a copy of this resolution and of these statistics which I have compiled, so that they may interest themselves in the situation. I feel, in all fairness to the ward I represent here and to the city which we all represent, that there should be a check-up. It looks as if the figures had been obtained by people who were more interested in what they were to earn through their work than in the standing of the city. So I believe the figures should be retabulated and proper figures obtained before the results are sent to Washington. This is an important matter upon the results of which our city, commercially and otherwise, is judged. Therefore, I believe that the Chamber of Commerce and the local boards and improvement associations should try to have a conference with Mr. Frink, where all parties can sit down and thresh the thing out. I trust, therefore, that the resolution will be adopted by the Council.

The table submitted by Coun. McGrath is as follows:

	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.
Edward Everett:						
Elementary	1,507	1,513	1,579	1,484	1,503	1,493
Kindergarten	122	124	128	123	135	138
St. William's:						
Elementary				128	187	259
Kindergarten						
Totals	1,629	1,637	1,707	1,735	1,825	1,890

Gain of 261 in 1930 over 1925.

The Edward Everett Public School figures, 1925-1929, represent average number of pupils belonging for the entire school year ending June 30.

Edward Everett Public School figures, 1930, represent average number of pupils belonging for the month of April. St. William's Parochial School figures represent average number of pupils belonging for the month of April.

STATISTICS ON WARD 13, DORCHESTER, PERTINENT TO THE PRESENT FEDERAL CENSUS.

The census of 1915 comprising the exact streets now in Ward 13, showed a total population of 26,475 people. The census in 1925 showed a total of 29,266, an increase of 2,781 people. The figures as submitted tentatively in the papers for the 1930 census show a total of 28,458 people, or a falling off of 808 inhabitants during the last five years.

TABLE OF HOUSES ERECTED AND RAZED, AND OF TENANTS AFFECTED.

	Houses Erected.	Tenants Affected.	Houses Razed.	Tenants Affected.
1925	9	25		
1926	14	54		
1927	13	41	1	1
1928	29	97	1	1
1929	5	18		
Total	70	235	2	2

A net gain of 233 homes, with an average family of four persons, makes a gain of 932 people.

TABLE SHOWING BIRTHS AND DEATHS, AND EXCESS OF BIRTHS OVER DEATHS, 1926-1929, INCLUSIVE, FOR WARD 13, BOSTON.

	Births.	Deaths.	Excess Births over Deaths.
1925	542	380	162
1926	571	369	202
1927	533	348	185
1928	540	378	162
1929	541	367	174
	2,727	1,842	885*

* Gain.

CHANGES IN SCHOOL POPULATION OF WARD 13, DORCHESTER.

As of May 8, 1930, as determined by average number of pupils belonging in elementary and kindergarten class of Edward Everett Public School and St. William's Parochial School:

The resolution was adopted under suspension of the rule.

THANKS TO LOUIS E. KIRSTEIN.

Coun. BUSH offered the following:

Whereas, The generosity of one of our outstanding citizens has conferred a lasting benefit on the

inhabitants of the City of Boston by his presentation of a beautiful memorial library building; and

Whereas, It is fitting and proper that official recognition be taken by the Boston City Council by an official vote of thanks and appreciation to him for his great-hearted and generous gift; be it therefore

Resolved, That the Boston City Council herewith takes opportunity to express, on behalf of the citizens of Boston, their thanks and appreciation to Honorable Louis E. Kirstein for his magnificent contribution to our cultural facilities in the form of the new library building on City Hall avenue.

Coun. BUSH—Mr President and members of the Council, this seems an opportune time, being the first meeting of the Council after the completion and opening of the new Kirstein Memorial Library, on City Hall avenue, to officially extend our thanks and appreciation to Mr. Kirstein, on behalf of the citizens of Boston, for his magnificent gift to us. There has been some criticism in the past relative to the location of this particular library building. We find now, however, that that criticism has entirely disappeared and nothing but most favorable comment has been heard both of the library and its location. The primary purpose of the library—in addition to its being a memorial to Mr. Kirstein's father—was to provide to the business men of this city ready access to valuable business statistics and facts. For the fulfillment of that purpose the present location of the library is admirable, being close to the very business heart of the city. In going through the library building I find that a very comprehensive plan has been carried through in order to meet the purpose and the idea of this branch library. There is a compilation of the entire country, and in fact the world; you will find provided there directories of every large city in the United States, and important facts and statistics with regard to all our industries, agricultural, manufacturing, commercial and raw materials. Thus vital information is afforded to the business men of this city. We have had many magnificent gifts of one kind and another to the inhabitants of this city in the past, from private individuals, and we hope that they will see their way clear in the future to continue such gifts. I do feel, however, that this is the time for us, in the particular matter of this Kirstein Memorial Library, as representatives of the citizens of Boston, to extend officially our recognition and appreciation of this extremely valuable gift to our city. I move you, therefore, that we pass this resolution under suspension of the rules, and that it be suitably engrossed and forwarded to the donor, whatever expense may be incurred being charged to our City Council fund for such purposes.

The resolution was unanimously passed under suspension of the rule.

PAYMENT TO HUSBAND OF RACHEL S. WATSON.

President LYNCH offered the following:

Ordered, That chapter 295 of the Acts of 1930, entitled, "An Act Authorizing the City of Boston to Pay a Sum of Money to the Husband of Rachel S. Watson," be, and the same hereby is, accepted.

Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 295 of the Acts of 1930, the sum of \$6,500 be allowed and paid to John Watson on account of the death of his wife, Rachel S. Watson while an inmate of the Boston City Hospital; \$2,000 of said amount shall be paid upon the passage of this order and the balance shall be paid in monthly installments of \$75. In case of the death of the said John Watson, the balance payable if he had lived shall be paid to his surviving children in equal shares, the sum so paid to be charged to the Reserve Fund.

Severally referred to the Executive Committee.

RECESS.

The Council voted at 2.53 p. m., on motion of Coun. FISH, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by President LYNCH at 3.30 p. m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. GALLAGHER, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on order (referred April 28) that an annuity of \$600 be paid to widow of Sergeant Edward Q. Butters, late member of the Police Department, who died from injuries received in performance of his duty—recommending passage of same.

The report was accepted, and the order passed.

2. Report on order (referred today) accepting chapter 295 of Acts of 1930, authorizing payment to husband of Rachel S. Watson and order (referred today) authorizing payment of \$6,500 on account of death of Rachel S. Watson—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said orders severally passed.

3. Report on petition of Anna E. Troy (referred to day) to be paid an annuity on account of death of her husband, James J. Troy, late member of the Police Department,—recommending passage of following order, viz.:

Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 182 of the Acts of 1930, as amended by chapter 241 of the Acts of 1930, an annuity of two thousand dollars be allowed and paid to Anna E. Troy, widow of James J. Troy, a member of the Police Department who was killed in the performance of his duty on January 13, 1930; said annuity being made up of allowances as follows:

For the widow, Anna E. Troy, so long as she remains unmarried, \$1,000 per annum.

For each of the following-named children, during such time as he or she is under the age of eighteen or over said age and physically or mentally incapacitated from earning, \$200 per annum:

Anna E. Troy, born June 14, 1918; James J. Troy, born June 13, 1920; Mary I. Troy, born February 5, 1924; Lucy L. Troy, born August 13, 1927; Thomas C. Troy, born February 2, 1930; the payments to date from January 14, 1930, and to be charged to the appropriation for Police Department, Pensions and Annuities.

Ordered, That the order passed by the City Council February 3, 1930, and approved by the Mayor February 5, 1930, granting an annuity of \$600 to the widow of James J. Troy, be, and the same hereby is, rescinded, and that any payments made thereunder be deducted from the annuity of \$2,000 hereinbefore authorized.

Report accepted; said orders passed.

4. Report on petitions (referred today) for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement, viz.:

Sylvania A. Durham, First Church, Charlestown, May 13; Rose Levine, Faelton Hall, June 6; Mrs. June Moody Fox, Jordan Hall, May 16; Anne Marie Casey, Municipal Building, May 29; Mrs. Esther Andrews, Filene's Hall, May 27; Orin F. Gallagher, Mechanics Hall, May 21,—that leave be granted under usual conditions.

Report accepted; leave granted under usual conditions.

PROPOSED WARD 6 IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. McGRATH, for Coun. Mahoney, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Howe avenue, Ward 6, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Stillings street, Ward 6, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Pittsburgh street, Ward 6, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Farnsworth street, Ward 6, as a public highway.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

MARKING OF HISTORIC SITE.

Coun. POWER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commission on the Marking of Historical Sites be requested, through his Honor

the Mayor, to mark the site of the present Mission Church Rectory, formerly the old Dacht House, which served as the headquarters of General Ward during the Revolutionary War.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION.

Coun. GALLAGHER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Etna street, both sides, from North Beacon street to Elmira street, Ward 22, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Coun. NORTON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Readville street, from River street to West Milton street, both sides, Ward 18, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Coun. MURRAY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Lamartine street, between Green street and Mozart street, Ward 19, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along 418, 420, 422 Centre street, Ward 19, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Pond street, both sides, Ward 19, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF STOUGHTON AVENUE.

Coun. NORTON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Stoughton avenue, Ward 18, as a public highway.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SHELTER FOR PUSH-CART VENDORS.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to consider the advisability and feasibility of erecting and leasing a suitable shelter for push-cart vendors in the market district, to be under the supervision of the Superintendent of Markets.

Referred to the Executive Committee, on motion of Coun. GREEN.

CAR SERVICE IN CHARLESTOWN.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston Elevated Trustees be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to take

immediate steps to improve the car service on the Bunker Hill and Main street lines in Charlestown. Passed under suspension of the rule.

PAYMENT OF SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Coun. KELLY, for Coun. Mahoney, for the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, submitted report recommending passage of order for payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the City of Boston for the month of May, 1930.

Report accepted; said order passed.

WARD 7 IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. LYNCH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Hardy street, Ward 7, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Ewer street, Ward 7, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Earl street, Ward 7, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Cottage street, Ward 7, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Champney street, Ward 7, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Holden street, Ward 7, as a public highway.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

CONDITIONS AT COLUMBUS SQUARE.

Coun. ARNOLD offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to remedy the present unsightly conditions at Columbus square by the planting of appropriate shrubbery and grass.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK ON WEST CANTON STREET.

Coun. ARNOLD offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repair the sidewalk at 207 West Canton street, Ward 4.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF MONASTERY ROAD.

Coun. HEIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out as a public highway Monastery road, from Washington street to Warren street, Ward 21.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ROOF GARDEN, ENGINE 41.

Coun. HEIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to establish

a roof garden at the house of Engine 41, Chestnut Hill avenue, Brighton.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

President LYNCH called up, under unfinished business, No. 1 on the calendar, viz.:

1. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor May 5, 1930, of Walter F. Parker, John H. Parker, David F. Parker, Charles E. Cann, Paul J. Comerford, A. F. Barry and Gertrude Callahan, to be Weighers of Coal.

The question came on confirmation. Committee, Coun. Ruby and Donovan. Whole number of ballots 13, yeas 13, and the appointments were confirmed.

CONFIRMATION OF CONSTABLES.

Coun. WILSON, for the Committee on Constables, submitted a report recommending that the appointment of the following constables, authorized to serve civil process upon filing bonds, be approved:

Edgar F. Callahan, George L. Gilbert, George W. Green, Martin J. Leggett, Bernard H. Magee, David G. Moran, Rudolph L. Trent, Harry A. Webber and Joseph N. Weinberg.

The question came on confirmation of the above names. Committee, Coun. Cox and Fish. Whole number of ballots 15, yeas 15, and the appointments were confirmed.

Adjourned, at 3.48 p. m., on motion of Coun. FISH, to meet on Monday, May 19, at 2 p. m.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, May 19, 1930.

Regular meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President LYNCH in the chair. Absent, Coun. Dowd and Wilson.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to approval by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments for term ending April 30, 1931, viz.:

Constables: Frank M. Miller, 11 Burr street, Jamaica Plain; Joseph S. Tieso, 67 Cedar street, Dorchester; Patrick L. Resiteri, 9 Westville street, Dorchester; James E. Pierce, 1 Frothingham avenue, Charlestown; Spiros Kaliris, 164 Sydney Street, Dorchester.

Weigher of Coal: Isabel D. Cunio, 16 Darling street, Dorchester.

Severally laid over a week under the law.

ELECTRIC LAMP, BRADSHAW STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, May 19, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Joseph A. Rourke, Commissioner of Public Works, regarding the possibility of installing an electric arc lamp at Bradshaw and Esmond streets. This is in reply to your order passed April 7, 1930.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Public Works Department, May 13, 1930.

To His Honor the Mayor.

In reply to attached order in Council, dated April 7, requesting the Commissioner of Public Works to install an electric arc lamp at the corner of Bradshaw and Esmond streets, Ward 14, investigation discloses that this location is in a gas lamp residential district, where there are no electric facilities, either overhead or underground, for series arc lamps, so that this installation could be made only at too great an expense to justify it.

Yours respectfully,

JOSEPH A. ROURKE,

Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

APPROPRIATION FOR GRANOLITHIC SIDEWALKS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, May 17, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—In connection with the street construction program it is essential that money be made available for the construction of granolithic sidewalks, since the legislation enacted this year makes no provision for the same.

Accordingly I recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That to meet the current expenses payable during the financial year beginning with the first day of January, 1930, for performing the duties and exercising the powers devolved by statute or ordinance, or by vote of the City Council during the year, upon the City of Boston, or the department or officers thereof, the respective sum of money specified in the table hereinafter set

forth be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended for the objects and purposes herein-after stated, that the same be raised by taxation upon the polls and estates taxable in the City of Boston, and that all orders relating to appropriations, taxes and the interest thereon apply to the taxes herein provided for.

Granolithic Sidewalks..... \$75,000

Referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, May 19, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Joseph A. Conry, Traffic Commissioner, regarding the installation of traffic signals at Centre street, Washington street, and the junction of Centre and Green streets. This is in reply to your orders passed May 5, 1930.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Traffic Commission, May 12, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—This department begs to acknowledge receipt of orders passed by the City Council dated May 5, 1930, with reference to the installation of automatic traffic signals at the intersections of—

1. Centre street, the Arborway and May street.
2. Washington street and Asticou road.

The above intersections are included in the list at which signals are to be located during the coming season.

3. The junction of Centre and Green streets.

The above intersections will be taken under consideration and an effort will be made to provide lights at a later date.

Respectfully yours,

JOSEPH A. CONRY,
Traffic Commissioner.

Placed on file.

VETO OF ORDER IN RE WILLIAM A. CAREY REST.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, May 17, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I return herewith, without my signature, your order passed May 12, 1930, to name a plot of land in Breed square, William A. Carey Rest.

I have expressed the opinion on several occasions that the naming of so-called squares, which are often merely street intersections and junctions, after World War veterans was far from being the most suitable method of honoring them; and have advocated the construction, as a fitting memorial, of a building with tablets containing the names of all who entered the service of their country from this city.

However, the practice of naming squares and intersections after war heroes has become established to such an extent that there are few, if any, locations remaining unnamed. It has been the policy of the city, adopted at the request of the veteran organizations, to use only the names of those who lost their lives during the war, and so far as I can ascertain, this policy has not been deviated from.

Mr. Carey's death did not take place during his service, and while that does not in any way detract from the value of his sacrifice and that of thousands of others who came back from the war gassed and otherwise incapacitated, I am constrained in pursuance of that policy to disapprove the order.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

VETO OF ORDER IN RE JOHN WATSON.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 14, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I return herewith, without my approval, your order making an allowance, under the provisions of chapter 295 of 1930, of \$6,500 to John Watson, in compensation for the death of his wife, Rachel S. Watson.

I have approved the order accepting the act, but I believe the amount provided by the City Council is somewhat too large. I am willing to approve a similar order making a total payment of \$5,000.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

SALE OF LAND, WEST CEDAR STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 15, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I beg to forward herewith communication received from the Park Commission with reference to land which is in the possession of said department, and which cannot be utilized to advantage.

The municipal real estate expert recommends the sale, at an upset price of from \$2 to \$2.50 per foot and, in my opinion, it would be advisable to establish an upset price of \$3,500.

Accordingly I recommend the adoption of the accompanying order

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, April 24, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—In answer to your esteemed communication of April 16, with inclosure, letter from G. Bruce Stuart, addressed to the Municipal Auctioneer, relative to sale of vacant land in the rear of 80 West Cedar street, in which you instruct me to communicate with Mr. Beck, real estate expert, for appraisal and sale of same at public auction. I respectfully submit the following:

The lot in question contains 1,600 square feet and was part of the George F. Parkman estate and is leased and appraised at a value of \$2,500 by the appraisers appointed by the Probate Court on November 5, 1908.

The land in question has never been turned over to the Park Department and as far as I can ascertain is under the control of the Trustees of the Parkman Fund. It will be necessary to obtain the consent of the City Council before the land can be sold. The matter came up in 1928, at which time an upset price of \$2 per square foot was set for sale at public auction.

I am requesting Mr. Beck for an appraisal as per your instructions.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

City of Boston,
Park Department, May 7, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor,—On April 16 you referred to me a communication received from G. Bruce Stuart, 185 Devonshire street, relative to sale of vacant land in the rear of 80 West Cedar street, in which you instructed me to communicate with Mr. Beck, real estate expert, for appraisal and sale of same at public auction.

I am this day in receipt of a letter from John Beck in which he states that "the land in the rear of 80 West Cedar street, now in the possession of the city and formerly owned by George F. Parkman, has a frontage on Putnam avenue and is assessed for \$2,400 and can be used for residences or apartments not exceeding five stories in height, but he considers it worth more than the assessed value of \$1.50 a square foot, probably \$2 to \$2.50, and advises that if it is offered at public auction sufficient interest should be aroused to enable the city to obtain more than the \$2,400 or the assessed valuation."

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

Ordered, That there be sold at public auction, at an upset price of \$3,500, land in the possession of the Park Department, and located in rear of 80 West Cedar street, with frontage on Putnam avenue, and now assessed for \$2,400.

Referred to Committee on Public Lands.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Elvin D. Angell, for compensation for damage to motorcycle by city car.

Nellie Arthur, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Boylston terrace.

Mary E. Douglas, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 153 Arlington street.

Nicholas Ferrimara, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in North Bennet Street Bath House.

Eli Finklestine, for refund on Sunday license.

Wendell W. Finley, for compensation for damage to car by city car.

Alice Hawes, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 210 Saratoga street.

F. A. Leaman, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Tremont street.

Mrs. Adella Lindau, for compensation for damage to clothing by city truck.

Mrs. Bridget M. McLaughlin, for compensation for damage to car caused by ball thrown from North End Park.

Mrs. Annie J. Mitchell, for compensation for damage to property at 154 Eustis street, Roxbury, caused by backing up of sewage.

Peter Mullen, for compensation for loss of clothing at Franklin Field.

Mrs. Margaret Neild, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 19 West Newton street.

New England Importation Company, for compensation for damage to truck by city wagon.

J. C. Rogers, for refund on refuse tickets.

John J. Skerry, for compensation for injuries received at Tennis Courts, South Boston.

Julia L. Sullivan, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 2 Thatcher street.

Edward Thomas, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 63 Stuart street.

Executive.

Petitions of children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement, viz.:

Ruth M. McShane, Municipal Building, June 6.

Harold B. Simpson, Jordan Hall, June 10.

Mildred C. Sacco, East Boston High School, June 9.

Committee on Jitney Licenses.

Petition of Brush Hill Transportation Company to operate buses from Milton-Boston line on Blue Hill avenue to entrance of Boston Elevated terminal station at Mattapan.

INTEREST IN CONTRACT.

Notice was received from Joseph A. Tomasello, member of the Board of Appeal, of interest in contract of city with A. G. Tomasello & Son, Inc., for new surfacing of walks on Boston Common.

Placed on file.

ORGANIZATION OF HOSPITAL TRUSTEES.

Notice was received from Trustees of Boston City Hospital of organization of board by re-election of Joseph P. Manning as president and Henry S. Rowen as secretary for ensuing year.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT OF FENCE VIEWER.

Notice was received from Edward W. Roemer, Building Commissioner, of appointment of Josaphat C. Blain, building inspector, to act as fence viewer in place of John J. Dunigan.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Notice was received of the following appointments by the Mayor:

George H. Edgell, 79 Raymond street, Cambridge, to be Art Commissioner, for term ending April 30, 1935.

Morris Bronstein, 64 Charlesgate East, to be Overseer of Public Welfare, for term ending April 30, 1933.

Placed on file.

SIDEWALK ASSESSMENTS.

Notice was received from the Commissioner of Public Works, with orders giving assessments to be levied as proportionate part of cost of constructing sidewalks in front of estates, viz.:

	Half Cost.
Spring Park avenue, Ward 19.....	\$1,337 67
D street, Ward 6.....	96 57
Parker street, Ward 10.....	1,452 26
Holbrook street, Ward 19.....	255 80
Centre street, Ward 19.....	553 31
Forest Hills street, Ward 11.....	721 99
La Grange street, Ward 20.....	5,193 89

Orders severally passed under suspension of the rule.

APPROVAL OF CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The constables' bonds of the following, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, were received:

Henry P. Burns, Edgar F. Callahan, Joseph P. Cutter, Paul R. Gast, Abraham M. Hecht, Martin J. Leggett, Salvatore Maffei, Isie Martin, Anthony D. McMann, William J. Mitchell, John J. Stanton, George C. Souther, Jerome Suvalle, Francis J. Tobin, Joseph M. Weinberg, Maurice Zeeman.

Approved by the Council.

MINORS' LICENSES.

President LYNCH submitted applications for minors' licenses from sixty-four newsboys and twenty-eight vendors and licenses were granted under usual conditions.

REINSTATEMENT OF ALFRED P. TONER.

Coun. FISH, for Coun. Wilson, offered the following:

Ordered, That chapter 322 of the Acts of 1930, entitled, "An Act Authorizing the Reinstatement of Alfred P. Toner as a Member of the Fire Department of the City of Boston," be, and the same hereby is, accepted.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES.

Coun. GREEN, for the Committee on Ordinances, submitted reports, as follows, viz.:

1. Report on message of Mayor and ordinance (referred May 5) concerning Weights and Measures Department—recommending passage of ordinance. Report accepted; said ordinance passed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

Coun. RUBY, for the Committee on Appropriations, submitted reports, as follows:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred May 12) appropriating \$75,000 for conventions and entertainments of distinguished guests—that the same ought to pass.

2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred May 12) appropriating \$50,000 to be expended by the Commissioner of Public Works, for sewerage works, in accordance with chapter 304 of Acts of 1930—that same ought to pass.

3. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred May 12) appropriating \$250,000 to be expended by Board of Street Commissioners, for

highways, making of, in accordance with chapter 306 of Acts of 1930—that same ought to pass.

4. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred May 12) appropriating \$750,000 to be expended by Commissioner of Public Works, for reconstruction of streets, in accordance with chapter 305 of Acts of 1930—that same ought to pass.

5. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred May 12) appropriating \$100,000 to be expended by Board of Street Commissioners, for Summer and L streets, widening and construction of, in accordance with chapter 264 of Acts of 1930—that same ought to pass.

Reports accepted; said orders severally passed, yeas 20, nays 0.

FINANCE REPORTS.

Coun. DONOVAN, for the Committee on Finance, submitted the following reports:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred May 12) for a loan of \$2,500,000 under authority of chapter 306 of Acts of 1930, to be expended by Board of Street Commissioners, for highways, making of—that same ought to pass.

2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred May 12) for a loan of \$2,000,000, under authority of chapter 305 of Acts of 1930, to be expended by Commissioner of Public Works, for reconstruction of streets—that same ought to pass.

3. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred May 12) for a loan of \$1,000,000, under authority of chapter 264 of Acts of 1930, to be expended by Board of Street Commissioners, for Summer and L streets, widening and construction of—that same ought to pass.

4. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred May 12) for a loan of \$500,000, under authority of chapter 304 of Acts of 1930, to be expended by Commissioner of Public Works, for Sewerage Works—that same ought to pass.

5. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred May 12) for a loan of \$75,000, to be expended under direction of Park Commissioners, for playground, Faneuil district, Brighton—that same ought to pass.

6. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred May 12) that order passed by Council February 17 and approved by Mayor February 19, 1930, for loan of \$100,000, to be expended under direction of Commissioner of Public Works, for resurfacing of Bunker Hill street, Ward 2, be, and the same hereby is, rescinded—that same ought to pass.

7. Report on order (referred April 28) for a loan of \$30,000 for purchase of additional shore property to enlarge bathing area at Tenean Beach—that same ought to pass.

8. Report on order (referred March 31) for a loan of \$20,000, to be expended for construction of locker building at Mary Hemenway Playground, Ward 16—that same ought to pass.

9. Report on order (referred March 24) for a loan of \$500,000, to be expended by Board of Street Commissioners, for St. Ann street—that same ought to pass.

10. Report on order (referred March 24) for a loan of \$1,100,000, to be expended by Board of Street Commissioners, for Centre street—that same ought to pass.

Reports accepted; said orders severally read once and passed, yeas 20, nays 0.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Coun. MAHONEY, for the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, submitted report recommending passage of order for payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the City of Boston for month of May, 1930.

Report accepted; said order passed.

REINSTATEMENT OF MICHAEL KELLEY.

Coun. MAHONEY offered the following: Ordered, That chapter 323 of the Acts of 1930, entitled, "An Act Authorizing the Reinstatement of Michael Kelley as a Member of the Fire Department of the City of Boston," be, and the same hereby is, accepted.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

REPAVING OF CHAMBERS STREET.

Coun. FITZGERALD offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Chambers street, from Poplar street to Charles street.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

EXPENSE OF ENGROSSING RESOLUTION.

Coun. BUSH offered the following:

Ordered, That the expense, not to exceed \$50, of engrossing the resolution of the City Council on the presentation to the city of the Kirstein Memorial Library, be charged to the Reserve Fund.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PAYMENT TO JOHN WATSON.

President LYNCH offered the following:

Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 295 of the Acts of 1930 the sum of \$5,000 be allowed and paid to John Watson on account of the death of his wife, Rachel S. Watson, while an inmate of the Boston City Hospital; \$2,000 of said amount shall be paid upon the passage of this order and the balance shall be paid in monthly installments of \$75. In case of the death of the said John Watson, the balance payable if he had lived shall be paid to his surviving children in equal shares, the sum so paid to be charged to the Reserve Fund.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PAVING OF STREETS, WARD 9.

Coun. GLEASON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Lamont street, Ward 9.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Downing street, Ward 9.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Rockledge street, Ward 9.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

INFORMATION FROM BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS.

Coun. FISH, for Coun. Wilson, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Election Commissioners of the City of Boston, through his Honor the Mayor, be, and said department hereby is, respectfully requested to furnish the following information to the Boston City Council forthwith, giving the information as of (1) April 1, 1920; (2) April 1, 1926; (3) April 1, 1930; namely:

(a) The number of adults police listed in each of the Dorchester wards.

(b) The number of registered voters in each of the Dorchester wards.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

INFORMATION FROM BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

Coun. FISH, for Coun. Wilson, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Assessors of the City of Boston, through his Honor the Mayor, be, and said Board hereby is, respectfully requested to furnish the following information to the City Council forthwith, as of (1) April 1, 1920; (2) April 1, 1926; (3) April 1, 1930; namely:

(a) How many dwelling houses were assessed in each of the Dorchester wards.

(b) How many buildings other than dwelling houses were assessed in each of the Dorchester wards.

(c) What was the total assessed value of real estate in each of the Dorchester wards.

(d) What was the total assessed personal property in each of the Dorchester wards.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

INFORMATION FROM FIRE COMMISSIONER.

Coun. FISH, for Coun. Wilson, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner, through his Honor the Mayor, be, and said commissioner hereby is, respectfully requested to furnish the following information to the City Council forthwith, giving the information (1) as of April 1, 1920; (2) as of April 1, 1926; (3) as of April 1, 1930; namely, on said date:

(a) What was the location of each fire house in the Dorchester district?

(b) How many pieces of fire apparatus were at each house?

(c) How many men were regularly stationed at each fire house above listed?

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PAVING OF WARD 12 STREETS.

Coun. BUSH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Waumbek street, Ward 12.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Townsend street, Ward 12.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave St. James street, Ward 12, with smooth paving.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

The Council voted, at 2.27 p. m., on motion of Coun. HEIN, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by President LYNCH at 3.50 p. m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. MAHONEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following reports, viz.:

1. Report on petitions (referred today) for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement, viz.: Ruth M. McShane, Municipal Building, June 6; Harold B. Simpson, Jordan Hall, June 10; Mildred C. Sacco, East Boston High School, June 9,—that leave be granted under usual conditions.

Report accepted; leave granted under usual conditions.

2. Report on order (referred today) that chapter 322 of Acts of 1930 entitled, "An Act Authorizing the Reinstatement of Alfred P. Toner as a Member of the Fire Department of the City of Boston," be accepted—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

3. Report on order (referred today) that chapter 323 of Acts of 1930, entitled, "An Act authorizing the Reinstatement of Michael Kelley as a member of the Fire Department of the City of Boston," be, and the same hereby is, accepted—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

BRANCH LIBRARIES IN WARD 14.

Coun. RUBY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Trustees of the Boston Public Library be requested, through his Honor the

Mayor, to establish and maintain branch libraries in the Franklin Field section and the Morton street Blue Hill avenue section of Ward 14.

Coun. RUBY—Mr. President, for several years I have tried to have established a branch public library in the particular sections specified in this order. The only branch library in the confines of Ward 14 is one located in the Mt. Bowdoin district, on Washington street. I understand that at the present time it is the plan of the Library Trustees to do away with the branch library at the corner of Blue Hill avenue and Babson street, because of the fact that it has outlived its usefulness and that more space is needed. In view of the fact that we have appropriated \$200,000 for branch libraries this year, and that nothing has been done in the way of establishing branch libraries for four or five years, as representing that section, the population of which has very largely increased, I have introduced this order looking to additional branch library facilities for the ward. I move a suspension of the rule for the passage of the order, and I trust that the trustees will see fit to establish these libraries.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

LOAN ORDERS, ETC.

President LYNCH called up, under unfinished business, Nos. 2, 3 and 4 on the calendar, viz.:

2. Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 237 of the Acts of 1928 an additional sum of \$124,000 be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital, for Children's Pavilion, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount, the same to be issued outside the limit of indebtedness.

On May 5, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 20, nays 0.

3. Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 237 of the Acts of 1928 an additional sum of \$124,000 be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital, for Children's Pavilion, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

On May 5, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 20, nays 0.

4. Whereas, By chapter 385 of the Acts of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the year 1907, the Legislature of the said Commonwealth ordered that the Old State House, at the corner of Washington street and State street, in said Boston, should be preserved as a historical memorial, and that no part thereof should be used for commercial or business purposes; and

Whereas, By an instrument in writing dated May 17, 1910, the said premises were leased to the Bostonian Society, a corporation organized under the Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the purposes set forth in the Charter of said Bostonian Society for a period of twenty years, and at an annual rental of one hundred (100) dollars, under the terms and conditions set forth in said lease; and

Whereas, The said Bostonian Society is desirous of leasing the said premises for a further period of twenty years at the same rental;

Now, therefore, it is Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor, be, and he hereby is, authorized to execute and deliver to the Bostonian Society, in the name and behalf of the City of Boston, and in form satisfactory to the Law Department of the said City of Boston, a lease wherein the said City of Boston leases to the said Bostonian Society the Old State House, situated at the corner of said Washington street and said State street, for a term of twenty years at an annual rental of one hundred (100) dollars, the said lease to be upon such terms and conditions and with such reservations as his Honor the Mayor may deem expedient.

On May 5, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 20, nays 0.

The orders were given their second and final reading and passage, yeas 17, nays 0.

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

President LYNCH called up, under unfinished business, No. 1 on the calendar, viz.:

1. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor May 12, 1930, of Philip H. Quinn, Alvin S. Hartman, Thomas H. Butcher, Ernest W. Litch, Walter R. Bowman, Lena Simon, Harold Keane and Leslie A. Pike, to be Weighers of Coal; and Leslie A. Pike, to be a Weigher of Goods.

The question came on confirmation. Committee, Coun. Gallagher and Mahoney. Whole number of ballots, 16; yeas 16, and the appointments were confirmed.

ENTRANCE TO FIELDS CORNER STATION.

Coun. KELLY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Public Trustees of the Boston Elevated Railway be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to establish an entrance on Dorchester avenue to the Fields Corner Station of the rapid transit system.

Coun. KELLY—Mr. President, the Fields Corner Station of the rapid transit system is right in the center of Dorchester, and it seems to me that at no time has the Boston Elevated made any attempt to satisfy its patrons in that district. In other words, the present entrance necessitates pedestrians from different parts of the district, who want to use that station, walking a considerable distance. For instance, they have to walk to Charles street from Dorchester avenue, and going from some sections of the ward they have to walk nearly a quarter of a mile, taking a chance of being hit by buses in getting there. I certainly think the trustees of the Boston Elevated ought to consider the people of that section and make an entrance to that station from Dorchester avenue. I ask a suspension of the rule and the passage of the order.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

REPAVING OF STREETS, WARD 19.

Coun. MURRAY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth pavement, Bourne street, Ward 19.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth pavement, Spring Park avenue, Ward 19.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

AMBULANCE SERVICE, STATION 13.

Coun. MURRAY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Police Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide that Station 13, Jamaica Plain, be covered with police ambulance service.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR VETERANS.

Coun. NORTON offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct all department heads to allow leave of absence, without loss of pay, to veterans serving on committees in connection with the American Legion Convention, to be held in Boston on October 6, 7, 8 and 9, 1930.

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor, be requested to instruct all department heads to allow leave of absence, without loss of pay, to all veterans participating in the parade to be held during the American Legion Convention in Boston on October 7, 1930.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

CONDITIONS AT COULTER'S BEACH.

Coun. FISH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to eliminate

the dangerous condition now existing at Coulter's Beach, Ward 16, by filling in the deep holes made during the dredging of the channel in the Savin Hill Basin.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION.

Coun. KELLY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along 55, 57, 59, 61 Olney street, Ward 15, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Coun. GLEASON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Lamont street, both sides, Ward 9, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Downing street, both sides, Ward 9, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

LOCKER BUILDING, FRANKLIN PARK GOLF COURSE.

Coun. RUBY offered the following:

Ordered, That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Park Department, for the construction and equipment of a locker building at the Franklin Park golf course, and that to meet such expense the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, at the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Coun. RUBY—Mr. President, I have had several requests along the line of this order. It is well recognized today that the Franklin Park golf course is one of the best patronized golf courses in the Commonwealth, and is easily paying for itself. I understand that today there are about 600 lockers in a very poor and unsatisfactory location in the park and that there is a waiting list of probably 900 or 1,000 people who would like to secure lockers, people who use the Franklin Park golf course. I understand that there are over 1,600 golfers today paying the city \$10 each a year for the privilege of using the links and that there are thousands of others who go to these links and pay for the use of the course as they play. I believe the money spent by the city as here proposed would quickly come back, especially when you consider the fact that for the last three or four years there has been an estimated profit on the Franklin Park golf course of anywhere in the neighborhood of \$25,000 to \$50,000 a year. I trust that the Committee on Finance will meet as soon as possible and report back this order to the City Council for adoption.

The order was referred to the Committee on Finance.

WARD 10 IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. POWER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Ellingwood street, Ward 10, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Arcola street, Ward 10, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Estey street, Ward 10, as a public highway.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

WARD 6 IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. MAHONEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth pavement West Second street, Ward 6.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth pavement, East Second street, from Dorchester to L streets, Ward 6.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving East Third street, from H to L streets, Ward 6.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

WARD 2 IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Baldwin street, Ward 2.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Perkins street, Ward 2.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Brighton street, Ward 2.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Auburn street, Ward 2.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Parker street, Ward 2.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Chappie street, Ward 2.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

THE BOSTON CENSUS.

Coun. McGRATH—Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to make a statement.

President LYNCH—There being no objection, the councilor will proceed.

Coun. McGRATH—Mr. President, last Monday I introduced an order relative to the census enumeration in our ward, and during the week I have received notice from the census enumerators that on a recheck of Ward 13 instead of 28,458 inhabitants there are 29,525. That means a total increase of 1,067 people in that ward. If that kind of mistake has been made in the twenty-two wards of Boston, we can readily see where our city might not receive the proper relative standing to which it is entitled among the other cities of the country. I simply wish to thank the Council for allowing my resolve of last week to be adopted, and I know that there are organizations in our city, that are interested in the welfare of the city, which are extremely pleased with the present showing. I received a letter from the Chamber of Commerce in which they congratulated the Council upon its activity and alertness in this matter, and say that it has achieved results. Now, with the thought in mind not only of the business standing of our city being judged by the number of its inhabitants, but also the thought in mind that our Congressional districts will soon be established and this thousand extra inhabitants in our ward will materially affect our Congressional district, I simply suggest, through you, Mr. Chairman, to other members of this body that if there

is any doubt of the situation in their wards they follow the same program of seeing that the figures are rechecked or retabulated; because we all have at heart the interest of the city, and an additional thousand inhabitants in any one of our wards may well have a very important bearing not only on the standing of our city in the country at large, but on our Congressional districts and otherwise. So I trust, if any of you have any doubts about the figures in your wards, you will have them

checked up before they are sent to Washington to make sure that they are correct. I think we all realize that Boston is entitled to the place it should properly hold in the matter of population among the cities of the country, and that our wards are also entitled to a full enumeration of their inhabitants.

Adjourned, on motion of Coun. HEIN, at 4.06 p. m., to meet on Monday, May 26, 1930, at 2 p. m.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, May 26, 1930.

Regular meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President LYNCH in the chair, and all the members present.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted appointments for the term ending April 30, 1931, as follows:

Constables: Joseph B. Gallagher, 1518 Blue Hill avenue, Mattapan; Charles A. Meeley, 43 Snow street, Brighton.

Weighers of Goods: Herman E. Titus, 108 Meridian street, East Boston; Joseph P. Redmond, 357 Sumner street, East Boston; Maurice G. Alperin, 107 West Brookline street, Boston.

Weigher of Coal: Beagio Carabello, 8 Harris street, Boston.

Severally laid over a week under the law.

DORCHESTER FIRE APPARATUS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 26, 1930.
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I herewith submit to you report from Hon. Edward F. McLaughlin, Fire Commissioner, concerning the increase in fire equipment, fire apparatus and fire stations. This is in reply to your order of May 5, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Fire Department, May 23, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I return herewith a copy of the following order passed by the City Council:

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner, through his Honor the Mayor, be, and hereby is, respectfully requested to advise the City Council forthwith in detail concerning any increase or increases in fire apparatus, fire equipment, fire stations or men during the past ten years in Wards 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17.

In City Council May 5, 1930. Passed.

Attest:

W. J. DOYLE, City Clerk.

The following table will show the increase of the number of firemen in the wards specified in the past ten years:

WARDS 13, 14, 15, 16 AND 17.

NUMBER OF MEN ON PAY ROLL.

	May, 1930.	May, 1920.
Chemical 11.....	—	8
Engine 52.....	12	*
Ladder 29.....	12	10
Ladder 23.....	18	9
Engine 17.....	19	13
Ladder 7.....	14	11
Engine 20.....	13	12
Engine 46.....	17	15
Ladder 27.....	12	11
Engine 16.....	12	13
Engine 18.....	16	17
Ladder 6.....	12	9
Total men, 1930.....	† 157	Total men, 1920..... 128

* Established December 19, 1921.

† Increase of twenty-nine men.

The following schedule shows the increase of the number of fire alarm boxes in the past ten years:

WARDS 13, 14, 15, 16 AND 17.

	May, 1920.	May, 1930.	Increase.
Ward 13.....	37	45	8
Ward 14.....	49	61	12
Ward 15.....	26	32	6
Ward 16.....	51	70	19
Ward 17.....	42	54	12
	205	262	57

Orders have been issued to install three more boxes in Ward 14 and one more box in Ward 17.

The fire-fighting equipment of the department has undergone considerable change and improvement during this period, as complete motorization of the apparatus in the wards mentioned was effected during the ten years just past.

All companies are now motorized, and in connection with this change in fire-fighting equipment it should be noted that the efficiency of engine companies was practically doubled, inasmuch as the gasoline pumper, which replaced the steam fire engine, carries hose, extinguishers and other fire-fighting equipment, enabling it to operate at fires without a hose wagon. Every engine company today carries practically twice as much hose and other equipment as engine companies did when the steam fire engine was in vogue.

Another feature which has increased the efficiency of motorized companies, namely, engine and city service ladder companies, is that each is equipped with chemical tanks and 250 feet of chemical hose. This equipment could not be carried on the horse-drawn apparatus.

Another feature which should be considered is that motor fire apparatus has a greater radius of operation than the horse-drawn equipment. The horse-drawn equipment was restricted to a limited territory and on busy days the horses would become exhausted, requiring that they be relieved

at different times by other horses. Such a method naturally interferes with the efficient operation of the Fire Department, and the introduction of motor equipment was a distinct improvement which resulted in a great increase in efficiency.

This year it is planned to replace the present hose car at Engine 20, Walnut street, Neponset, with a new six-cylinder hose car equipped with a Booster pump. It is also planned to equip Engine 16, River street, Mattapan, with two pieces of apparatus instead of one. The six-cylinder hose car which will be installed at Engine 16 will also be equipped with a Booster pump.

I am inclosing herewith a detailed report of the various changes and improvements which have occurred in Wards 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 since 1920. An effort was made by me in connection with this study to ascertain the growth of the city in the particular wards mentioned during the past ten years, both with reference to increase in population and increase in the number of buildings. Because of the fact that the ward numbers have been changed as well as the ward lines the Building Department and the Statistics Department informed me that it would not be possible to furnish the figures that I desired. I am submitting a statement of the population and number of buildings in these wards at the present time.

TYPE OF BUILDING AS OF APRIL 1, 1929.	Ward 13.	Ward 14.	Ward 15.	Ward 16.	Ward 17.
Miscellaneous.....	212	331	668	367	232
Office.....	2	2	3	0	3
Factory.....	2	0	2	4	1
Theatre.....	0	6	3	1	1
One-family house.....	928	745	602	1,681	1,499
Two-family house.....	611	1,457	773	1,242	1,267
Three-family house.....	1,325	1,661	1,329	923	903
Apartment.....	118	479	88	68	143
Private garage.....	530	830	545	1,123	938
Public garage.....	32	33	11	11	64
Total.....	3,760	5,553	4,024	5,420	5,051
Population, 1930 preliminary figures.....	29,475	56,685	27,877	31,040	30,077

There is no doubt that there has been considerable increase in the population and the number of buildings during the past ten years.

In connection with this study as to the fire protection in the wards mentioned consideration was given to the location of fire stations. It is very apparent that some of the stations are not properly located to give the greatest measure of protection. A fire station should be so located that it will have an operating radius in all directions. It should not be limited to movement in one direction. The quarters of Engine Company 20 and Ladder 27 are located at the edge of the city on the corner of Walnut street and Old Colony Boulevard.

When it is possible to provide funds to do so a new station should be erected somewhere in the vicinity of Neponset avenue and Victory road and the present station at Walnut street and Old Colony Boulevard abandoned. A station at the new location would give better protection and quicker response to the entire district.

The quarters of Engine 16 and Ladder 6 are located on River street at the edge of Boston near the Milton line. In order that this company could give the best possible protection for the entire district which it serves it should be moved to a location somewhere in the vicinity of Codman street and Gallivan Boulevard.

The approximate cost of these new stations, exclusive of land, would be approximately \$125,000 each.

Yours very truly,
EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN,
Fire Commissioner.

Reports on Apparatus, Equipment and Stations in Wards 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17.

Ward 13—none.

Ward 14.

Apparatus:

Engine 52.—Chemical 11, now Engine 52, changed from horse drawn to motor on April 18, 1913.

December 19, 1921, Chemical 11 changed to Engine 52; Chemical being replaced by a Combination Pump and Hose Wagon, Serial No. 145-P.

December 21, 1927, American-LaFrance Triple Combination, formerly in service at Engine 51, placed in service at Engine 52.

September, 1928, Leeco-Neville self-starter and generator installed on pump.

April, 1930, Firestone pneumatic tires installed on pump.

Ladder 29.—In same quarters with Engine 52.

January 23, 1913, Company organized, American-LaFrance City Service, Type 14, motor truck placed in service.

November, 1927, American-LaFrance City Service Truck, Serial No. 245, formerly in service at Ladder 20, placed in service at Ladder 29, replacing same type, Serial No. 202, which was placed in reserve.

August, 1929, Leeco-Neville self-starter and generator installed.

August, 1928, Goodrich pneumatic tires installed on truck.

Ladder 23.—August 20, 1923, an American-

LaFrance City Service Truck, Type 14, Serial No. 232, placed in service with Ladder 23, replacing horse-drawn truck.

May 17, 1926, a new American-LaFrance, Type 17, four-wheel tractor, 85-foot Aerial Truck, Serial No. 243-T, placed in service at Ladder 23, replacing American-LaFrance City Service Truck, which was sent to Ladder 6.

July, 1927, a new Champion forty-gallon chemical tank was installed on aerial truck, also 200 feet of chemical hose. A new Invincible nozzle was attached to main ladder.

December, 1929, Leece-Neville self-starter and generator installed.

Equipment:

Engine 52 furnished with one horse power hydrant wrench, one new life net, six Wheat miners' lights and a Ross thawing device, 2,000 feet of hose 1920, increase 600 feet, making total 2,600 feet.

Ladder 29 furnished with one Carey cellar pipe, two Burrell gas masks, one carbic flare light and five Wheat miners' lights, 300 feet $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch 1920, no increase.

Ladder 23 furnished with one horse power hydrant wrench, one carbic flare light, one Paige & Quinlan door opener, one Carey cellar pipe, two Burrell gas masks and seven Wheat miners' wheat lights, 300 feet $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch hose in 1920, increase 50 feet, total 350 feet.

Stations:

Engine 52, Ladder 29.—Extensive work was performed on these quarters by department mechanics and outside concerns during this period to keep them in first-class condition. Some of the work is as follows: Built new locker room, lockers and kitchenette, painting, gasfitting, mason work, installing new floor in shower bath room, taking down and rebuilding side wall, repairing main floor, granolithic driveway and sidewalk in front of quarters repaired, etc.

Ladder 23.—Extensive repairs and alterations on these quarters by department mechanics and outside concerns to keep them in first-class condition. Various jobs were performed, some of which are as follows: New reinforced concrete main floor installed, quarters of deputy chief completed, dormitory and officers' rooms relocated, new hot water heater, plumbing, carpentry, masonry and other remodeling work, etc.

Ward 15.

Apparatus:

Engine 17 Pumper.—January 17, 1916, Christie tractor attached to steam engine.

August 14, 1923, two new American-LaFrance 750-gallon combination pump and hose car installed, replacing tractor-drawn steamer.

January, 1929, Leece-Neville self-starter and generator installed on pump and on December, 1929, Firestone pneumatic tires were installed.

Engine 17 Hose Car.—On February 27, 1917, a new Seagrave hose car was installed in service.

A new American-LaFrance combination hose car was installed in service in August, 1928, replacing Seagrave hose car which was placed in reserve.

District 10 Car.—On January 18, 1929, a new Graham-Paige four-door sedan was installed in service for use of district chiefs, replacing Buick roadster. This car was equipped with fire extinguishers, axes, saws, elevator accident jack and tools, wire-cutter and gloves, Burrell gas masks, medicine cabinet, with supplies, also chemical hose and reducer to connect to hydrant.

Ladder 7.—Robinson motor truck of the City Service Type installed, replacing horse-drawn truck.

August 14, 1923, an American-LaFrance, Type 14, City Service truck was installed in service, replacing Robinson truck. On October 30, 1929, a new Type 17, four-wheel tractor, 85-foot aerial truck was placed in service, replacing American-LaFrance City Service, Type 14, truck.

Note.—On February 15, 1928, Engine Company 17, Ladder Company 7 and District Chiefs 10 were moved into new quarters on Meeting House Hill, thus having this apparatus under the one roof. This is in line with the policy of centralizing apparatus at certain given points to increase the general efficiency.

Equipment:

Engine 17 on November 28, 1923, was furnished with a Ross hydrant thawing device.

Engine 17 also furnished with an air compressor for pumping up pneumatic tires on apparatus, one horse power hydrant wrench, seven Miners' wheat lights, etc.

In 1920, Engine 17 was equipped with 2,000 feet of $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch hose and its complement has been increased as follows: 400 feet of $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch, 200 feet of 3-inch, and 300 feet of $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch hose.

Ladder 7 furnished with one horse power hydrant wrench, one carbic flare light, six Wheat miners' lights, two Burrell gas masks and one Model C Atmos inhalator.

In 1920, Ladder 7 was equipped with 250 feet of $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch hose, no increase.

Stations:

Previous to 1928, Engine 17 and Ladder 7 were housed in separate houses in close proximity to each other. Their quarters were razed and a completely new quarters was erected on the same site at a cost of \$104,703.33 above the land.

This building is of brick and limestone trimmings, three stories in height and is equipped with all the modern conveniences for a fire station.

On February 15, 1928, Engine Company 17, Ladder Company 7 and District Chief 10 were moved into the new quarters, these companies having been temporarily housed in American Legion Building, which is situated nearby.

Headquarters for District Chief 10 moved from Engine 13 to Engine 17's new quarters.

This is in line with the department's policy of centralizing apparatus in certain centers, both as a matter of economy and with a view of prompter dispatching of apparatus in the interest of efficiency.

Ward 16.

Apparatus:

Engine 20.—On October 29, 1921, an American-LaFrance 750-gallon combination hose car and pumper was installed in service, replacing horse-drawn engine.

Engine 20 Pump.—In August, 1928, Leece-Neville self-starter and generator installed on pump and in April, 1929, Kelly-Springfield pneumatic tires were installed.

Engine 20 Hose Car.—In October 28, 1927, an American-LaFrance combination hose car was installed in service, making Engine 20 a double-unit company.

In October, 1929, Leece-Neville self-starter and generator was installed.

Engine 46 Pumper.—A Robinson tractor was attached to steam engine in June, 1914. In May, 1915, a Christie tractor was attached to steam engine.

July, 1924, a new American-LaFrance 750-gallon combination pump and hose car was installed in service, replacing same type pump, Serial No. 129-P, which had been installed on October 25, 1920, replacing steamer.

April, 1929, Leece-Neville self-starter and generator was installed on present Serial No. 163-P, also had Kelley-Springfield pneumatic tires installed.

Engine 46 Hose Car.—On June 2, 1926, a new American-LaFrance hose car (Combination Type 75) Serial No. 351 was installed in service, replacing same make, but a Type 10 hose car, which had been in service since 1914.

April, 1929, a Leece-Neville self-starter and generator installed, also Kelley-Springfield pneumatic tires.

Ladder 27.—On September 28, 1923, a new American-LaFrance City Service, Type 14, motor truck placed in service, replacing horse-drawn truck.

September, 1923, chemical tank installed on truck.

November, 1928, Leece-Neville self-starter and generator installed, also had Goodrich pneumatic tires installed.

District 14 Car.—On January 11, 1929, a new Graham-Paige four-door sedan was installed for use of district chiefs, replacing Buick roadster. This car was equipped with fire extinguishers, axes, saws, elevator accident jack and tools, wire-cutter and gloves, Burrell gas masks, medicine cabinet, with supplies, chemical hose and reducer to connect to hydrant.

Equipment:

Engine 20 furnished with one Ross hydrant thawing device. Engine 20 was also furnished with one horse power hydrant wrench, one Foam, Fire Department type, extinguisher and five Wheat miners' lights. Hose, 1920, 2,000 feet $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch, 100 feet $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch—increase 500 feet $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch, 150 feet $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch hose.

Ladder 27 furnished with the following fire-fighting appliances: One carbic flare light, one LaFrance Carey cellar pipe, two Burrell gas masks

and six Wheat miners' lights. Hose 1920—300 feet $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch, no increase.

Engine 46 furnished with the following: One horse power hydrant wrench, one Ross thawing device, seven Wheat miners' lights and one air compressor for pumping up pneumatic tires on apparatus, etc. Hose, 1920: 2,400 feet $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, 200 feet $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch—increased, 200 feet 3-inch, 150 feet $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch.

Stations:

Engine 20, Ladder 27, both quartered in same building.

Extensive alterations and repairs were performed at these quarters both by department mechanics and outside concerns, some of the work being as follows:

Built new lockers, removed other lockers to various locations, built new room in rear of main floor for toilet and sink, installed toilet and soapstone sink in rear of main floor, installed lavatory in captain's room, shower bath room repaired, boiler room extended, new concrete wall built over face of old foundations, rebuilt chimney, new heater and various other jobs, too numerous to mention. Every effort has been made to keep these quarters in as good a condition as it is possible to keep them.

Engine 46.—These quarters were remodeled in or about the year 1915 or 1916, and every effort has been made to keep them in first-class condition.

Ward 17.

Apparatus:

Engine 16 Pump.—On October 19, 1921, a new American-LaFrance 750-gallon combination pump and hose car installed in service, replacing horse-drawn engine.

January, 1928, a triple combination pumper, Serial No. 127-P (American-LaFrance), placed in service, replacing American-LaFrance 750-gallon combination pump and hose car.

December, 1928, Leece-Neville self-starter and generator installed and in March, 1930, General Cord pneumatic tires installed.

Ladder 6.—On March 2, 1917, a Christie tractor on City Service truck installed, replacing horse-drawn truck.

May 25, 1926, An American-LaFrance, Type 14, City Service truck was placed in service, replacing same type truck which had been in service since June 4, 1925, after replacing Christie tractor truck.

May, 1924, Chemical tank installed on present truck, Serial No. 232.

July, 1928, Goodrich pneumatic tires installed.

October, 1928, Leece-Neville self-starter and generator installed.

Engine 18 (Pumper).—October 18, 1921, an American-LaFrance 750-gallon combination pump and hose car installed in service, replacing horse-drawn steamer.

May, 1929, Leece-Neville self-starter and generator installed. In January, 1929, a Foam generator was also installed in service.

Engine 18 Hose Car.—During 1922 a Type 10 American-LaFrance combination chemical and hose car was installed in service, making Engine 18 a double unit company.

On June 9, 1926, a new American-LaFrance combination hose car was placed in service, replacing American-LaFrance, Type 10, combination hose car.

In June, 1929, Leece-Neville self-starter and generator installed.

Equipment:

Engine 16 furnished with a Ross hydrant thawing device on December 22, 1922.

Engine 16 also furnished with the following: One horse power hydrant wrench, six Wheat miners' lights and other small articles of equipment. Hose in 1920: 2,000 feet $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, 100 feet $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch—increased, 200 feet $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch, 200 feet 3-inch, 200 feet $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch.

Ladder 6 furnished with one horse power hydrant wrench, one carbic flare light, two Burrell gas masks and six Wheat miners' lights. Hose in service, 1920: 300 feet of $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch hose, no increase.

Engine 18 furnished with Ross hydrant thawing device on December 24, 1921.

Engine 18 also furnished with one horse-power hydrant wrench, one Foam, Fire Department Type extinguisher, six Wheat miners' lights and one Blanchard angle adjustable nozzle. Hose in service in 1920: 2,000 feet $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch hose, increased—200 feet 3-inch, 400 feet $2\frac{1}{2}$ -inch and 250 feet $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch hose.

Stations:

The quarters of Engine 16 and Ladder 6 are in close proximity to each other, i. e., separate buildings, one on River street and the other on Temple street, backing up to each other.

Extensive alterations and repairs were performed at these quarters, both by department mechanics and outside concerns, during this period to keep these buildings in first-class condition.

Engine 18 quarters had extensive repairs and alterations performed during this period, in fact, completely remodeled. This work in part, is as follows: Shower baths installed, new sink room, new toilets, lockers and dressing rooms remodeled, steam changes, masonry work, plastering work, chimney rebuilt, painting, installation of a new reinforced concrete main floor, metal ceilings, and other jobs too numerous to mention. Every effort has been made by the department to keep this building in first-class condition.

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SAVIN HILL BASIN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, May 26, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, relative to filling in the deep holes in the Savin Hill Basin. This is in reply to your order of May 19, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Park Department, May 24, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I have your Council order that the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to eliminate the dangerous condition now existing at Coulter's Beach by filling in the deep holes made during the dredging of the channel in the Savin Hill Basin.

This condition was caused by the Public Works Department of the state doing certain dredging in Savin Hill bay. It has been called to their attention on three different occasions and they have assured me they would eliminate the dangerous condition that now exists on or before June 7.

Rest assured, the necessary precautions will be taken before our bathing season opens.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

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FIRST AID AT BATHING BEACHES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, May 26, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, relative to equipment for first-aid being supplied to each bathing beach. This is in reply to your order of May 12, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Park Department, May 10, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I am in receipt of an order from the City Council requesting the Park Commission to equip each bathing beach under its jurisdiction with a first-aid medical kit and pulmotor apparatus.

Our beaches are always equipped with first-aid medical kits. A pulmotor apparatus, unless handled by an expert, is a dangerous piece of apparatus. It would be inadvisable to equip each bath house with one of these machines.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

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SALE OF POLICE BOAT "GUARDIAN."

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, May 21, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I beg to submit herewith communication received from the Police Commissioner,

Eugene C. Hultman, recommending the sale of the police boat "Guardian" at an upset price of \$1,000.

At a recent auction an upset price of \$7,000 was sought by the city but no bids were received. I am still of the opinion that the boat in question is worth at least \$3,500 to some individual and I accordingly recommend the sale at public auction at an upset price of \$3,500.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Police Department, May 13, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

My dear Sir,—In accordance with a copy of inclosed recommendation, dated April 30, 1930, of Mr. Edward W. Foye, Municipal Auctioneer, 24 School street, Boston, I submit for the approval of yourself and the Honorable City Council a new upset price of \$1,000 in the case of the police steamer "Guardian," whose boilers have been condemned by the local United States Government authorities, and is now tied up to a wharf under the care of a watchman.

For your Honor's information I inclose a copy of an order approved by you on March 11, 1930, establishing the first upset price at \$7,000, which it is now proposed to reduce to \$1,000.

A notice of the first auction sale is also inclosed.

Respectfully,
E. C. HULTMAN,
Police Commissioner.

City of Boston, April 30, 1930.

Herbert A. Wilson,
Police Commissioner.

My dear Commissioner,—Inclosed herewith find the vouchers for the expenses on the auction sale of the police boat "Guardian."

The sale was held March 25, 1930. There were no bids received.

In view of the fact that the wharfage of the boat is an increasing expense, and the keeping of a watchman on it continually, I recommend that the upset price be lowered materially and that another sale be held as soon as possible.

Due to the fact that the boilers on this boat have been condemned, I am of the opinion that there would be an enormous expense incurred in renewing them; therefore the boat is far less valuable.

I would suggest that an upset price of \$1,000 be put on it for another sale.

Inclosed find correspondence which has been sent to me in reference to this boat.

Yours respectfully,
EDWARD W. FOYE,
Municipal Auctioneer.

Ordered, That the Police Commissioner be, and hereby is, authorized to sell at a duly advertised public auction, at an upset price of \$3,500, the police boat "Guardian."

Referred to the Executive Committee.

VETO OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR VETERANS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, May 22, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I beg to return herewith, without my approval, the order adopted by your honorable body on May 19 authorizing leave of absence, without loss of pay, to veterans serving on committees in connection with the American Legion Convention, to be held in Boston on October 6, 7, 8 and 9, 1930.

I beg to state further that there are some five hundred conventions scheduled to assemble in Boston during the current year and in the event that the precedent is established of permitting employees of the city to take time off to attend committee meetings, *ad libitum*, the probability is that, during the summer season at least, there will be few if any of the city employees doing any work for the city.

Under the circumstances I am quite certain that the Council will agree with me that the granting of leave of absence upon the day of the parade is all the city in decency should be required to do.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and severally referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Joseph Abizaid, for refund on refuse tickets.

Mrs. Albert G. Aggott, for compensation for damage to coat caused by an alleged defect at Gardner and Baker streets.

Nathan Barmak, for compensation for refund on soft drinks license.

Charles E. and Dorothy G. Brown, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

John Cullen, for compensation for collapse of hot-water boiler at 36 Bigelow street, Brighton, caused by water being shut off.

Arcadino DiGiovanni, for refund on soft drinks license.

Catherine C. Donovan, for compensation for damage to car caused by ball thrown from Columbus Avenue Playground.

Albert W. Ellis, for compensation for damage to car by patrol wagon.

Esther Gollance, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Harvard street, Mattapan.

Harry Kaplan, for compensation for injuries caused by car of Weights and Measures Department.

Joseph L. Mellino, for refund on garage license.

Leander S. Payson, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Pilgrim Lunch Company, Inc., for refund on lunch room license.

Charles J. Riordan, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 56 and 58 Langley road, Brighton.

Ralph R. Tucker, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Stratheona road.

United States Postoffice, for compensation for damage to mail truck by city car.

Executive.

Petitions of children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement, viz.:

Florence S. Woodward, at Bates Hall, May 22.

Gertrude DePetro, at Jordan Hall, June 4, 5, 1930.

Mary V. Corbett, at Shubert Lyric Hall, June 9.

D. Balne, at Roger Wolcott Hall, May 28.

Rev. W. J. Callahan, at Gate of Heaven Hall, May 26, 27.

Emma G. Tunncliffe, Hotel Somerset, May 28.

Committee on Jitney Licenses.

Petition of Boston Elevated Railway to run buses between junction of Washington street and Massachusetts avenue and the junction of St. James avenue and Arlington street, over Washington street, Massachusetts avenue, Columbus avenue, Arlington street, St. James avenue, Berkeley street, Columbus avenue, Massachusetts avenue.

Coun. ARNOLD—Mr. President, I want to say that this petition is introduced by the manager of the Boston Elevated at my request.

Petition of Boston Elevated Railway to run buses between junction of Northampton and Washington streets and Edward Everett square, over Washington street, Massachusetts avenue, Columbia road (Edward Everett square), Massachusetts avenue, Southampton street, Sheridan square, Northampton street.

Petition of Boston Elevated Railway to run buses between junction of Washington and Market streets and the Cambridge-Boston line on Western Avenue Bridge, over Market street and Western avenue (Boston section of a night route between junction of Washington and Market streets, Brighton and Central square, Cambridge).

CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The bonds of the following-named constables, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, were received:

Bernard H. Magee, Harry A. Webber, Charles H. Jackson, George W. Green, Daniel B. Carnody, Samuel Coulter, William J. Baker.

Approved by the Council.

AUTHORITY TO ISSUE DUPLICATE BONDS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Treasury Department, May 26, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—About November 30, 1929, this office received from the Atlantic National Bank of Boston, \$16,000 City of Boston registered 4½ per cent bonds in the name of Sam Haigh to be transferred to Sarah E. Haigh. The bonds were transferred as requested and receipted for by the bank on December 5, 1929.

The said bonds were apparently lost after having been received by the Atlantic National Bank of Boston, and now a request is made that I issue to her duplicates of the lost bonds. I have received from Sarah E. Haigh a surety bond for \$32,000 to cover the City of Boston on account of any loss occasioned by the issuance of duplicate bonds to her. This surety bond has been approved by the Corporation Counsel of the City of Boston.

I am therefore attaching herewith a letter from the Atlantic National Bank of Boston on behalf of Sarah E. Haigh requesting me to issue to her duplicate bonds, as well as an order giving me authority to issue to Sarah E. Haigh duplicates of the lost bonds.

Respectfully yours,
E. L. DOLAN, City Treasurer.

The Atlantic National Bank of Boston,
Boston, May 19, 1930.

Hon. Edmund L. Dolan,
Treasurer of City of Boston.

Dear Sir,—As requested, I have furnished you with a surety bond for \$32,000 to indemnify and save harmless the City of Boston from any claims on account of City of Boston registered bonds alleged to have been lost or the issuance of duplicates to replace said bonds as follows:

\$2,000 City of Boston 4½ per cent due May 1, 1950, No. 028229.

\$5,000 City of Boston 4½ per cent due May 1, 1953, No. 028230.

\$7,000 City of Boston 4½ per cent due May 1, 1954, No. 028231.

\$2,000 City of Boston 4½ per cent due May 1, 1962, No. 40035.

Will you therefore kindly reissue to me duplicates of the above-stated bonds reported lost, and oblige,

Yours very truly,
SARAH E. HAIGH,
by ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK,
ARNOLD WHITTAKER,
Vice President.

Ordered, That the City Treasurer is hereby authorized to issue to Sarah E. Haigh duplicates of bonds or registered certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston in the sum of sixteen thousand (\$16,000) dollars, as follows: No. 028229 due May 1, 1950, for \$2,000; No. 028230, due May 1, 1953, for \$5,000; No. 028231, due May 1, 1954, for \$7,000; No. 40035, due May 1, 1962, for \$2,000; it being alleged that said bonds or registered certificates have been lost; the said duplicates to be payable at the same time and to bear the same rate of interest and to be marked with the same date and number as the original bonds or registered certificates; the said Sarah E. Haigh having filed with the City Treasurer a bond in the sum of thirty-two thousand (\$32,000) dollars, with sufficient sureties thereon, and satisfactory to the Corporation Counsel, to indemnify and save harmless the city of Boston from any claim on account of said bonds or registered certificates alleged to have been lost or the issuance of duplicates thereof.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

SUBMARINE CABLES, MYSTIC RIVER.

Notice was received from Department of Public Works of Commonwealth of Massachusetts of hearing to be given on May 28, at 2 p. m., on petition of New England Fuel and Transportation Company to lay and maintain two submarine cables in, under and across Mystic river in the cities of Everett and Boston.

Placed on file.

PAY ROLL OF REGISTRY OF DEEDS.

The pay roll of the Registry of Deeds, amounting to \$8,769.04, piece work from April 21 to May 17, regular employees May 16 to May 31, both inclusive, was received and approved.

CONDITION OF WALL AT MORTON STREET PLAYGROUND.

Coun. FITZGERALD offered the following:

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make a thorough examination of the construction and materials of the wall and pillars at the Morton Street Playground, Ward 3, and to report to the City Council whether the specifications were fully followed in their erection.

Coun. FITZGERALD—I have offered the order for the following reasons: On Friday evening, May 23, 1930, the pillars and ornamental copings at the Morton Street Playground, situated in the North End of Boston, a part of the district I have the privilege to represent, collapsed. My order calls for an investigation into the causes which led to the loss of life of a boy named McGonagle, and the injuries to several others. Had this taken place during the day, hundreds of lives might have been sacrificed. The contractor who completed this work had absolutely no competition, and received some thirty-eight thousand dollars, which seems strange, that he had no competition in a city with so many contractors, and I am informed that we now have as many contractors doing city work as we have adults. I believe a complete investigation should be undertaken, and I condemn the quick action taken by the authorities to remove the debris which had fallen for a length of forty-two feet, causing the death of McGonagle. I believe that should have been left there until the proper investigating body had an opportunity to view it, and have the pillars and copings analyzed. Only yesterday I visited the Tyler Street Playground, and I found the pillars there, which were built identical with those at the Morton Street Playground, in my opinion in very bad condition, being chipped and cracked. This same thing could happen in any other part of Boston. If the inspectors who worked on that job are now employed by the city, or the engineers who approved the specifications of this contract are now employed by the city, they should be brought forward to explain their actions at that time. The people should know whether the proper amount of cement was put into the work. It could be easily verified by having the material analyzed. I sincerely hope the rule will be suspended and that we will at least hear something in the future as to the cause of the accident.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF ARLINGTON TERRACE.

Coun. FITZGERALD offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept Arlington terrace, Ward 3, as a public highway.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPAVING OF TYLER STREET.

Coun. FITZGERALD offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave Tyler street, Ward 3, with smooth paving.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

APPROPRIATION FOR PAGEANT.

Coun. McGRATH offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested, providing the sum of thirty thousand dollars is furnished by the funds of the Citizens' Tercentenary Committee, to send to the City Council an

appropriation for a like amount, to be expended for a Boston pageant during the coming summer season.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

MARKING OF OLD DORCHESTER ALMS- HOUSE, ETC.

Coun. McGRATH offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested, in connection with the tercentenary observance, to direct that the old Dorchester Almshouse and jail on Hancock street, Dorchester, now owned and used by the Public Works Department, be sand-blasted and marked with a suitable tablet.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

OFFICIAL COUNT OF BOSTON CENSUS.

Coun. McGRATH offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to communicate with the Supervisors of the Census for the Boston districts to ascertain why the complete official Boston count has not been promulgated, and to advise the City Council.

Coun. McGRATH—Mr. President, for the last two weeks we have seen reports in the papers showing the number of inhabitants in various cities in this country of the size of Boston. The enumerators have been working on the tabulation here just as long as they have been working in any other city, and yet there is not even a semblance of a final report. Other cities of the country know what their standing is already; but the City of Boston does not know. If this sort of thing is allowed to continue, I am sure that when the report is finally given out a great many of our citizens will be skeptical. Why is it that the City of Boston is always the football for the rest of the country? Here is a federal tabulation of the inhabitants of the country, made once in ten years, at a tremendous cost to the taxpayers. Let us at least know what the returns are. We know what the returns show in Cleveland; we know where Detroit stands; the figures for Los Angeles have been given out. The figures in these other cities are known to the business concerns and Chambers of Commerce, who have been kept in constant touch with just what is going on. But in Boston we don't hear a single word. We have no way of knowing whether the returns will be given out in a month, or two or three months. As one individual member of this body, I introduced an order for a recheck of a count that was supposed to be final in my ward, and within forty-eight hours had figures produced that showed that the true count was 1,067 people more than the count originally given out. I feel a little bit skeptical about the entire city returns. I would like to know what is going on. I would like to have his Honor the Mayor get in touch with Mr. Frink and Mr. Sensale, so that we may find out what the standing of Boston is among the cities of the country. I have had a number of members of the Council tell me within a week that their homes had not been counted; I have had people in Dorchester within the last three days say to me, "When is the census man coming around to our place?" Of course, we all know that Boston is made a political football. We know that two of the Democratic Congressmen from Boston have had nothing at all to do with the whole matter. We know that people have been sent, for instance, out into Dorchester, from the West End and other sections, people who knew nothing about the section, and who have been sent out from the center of the city. We know that the whole thing has been muddled up. Therefore, as citizens of Boston, having the interest of the city at heart, I feel that we have a right to know the tabulation. Therefore, let us call on the Mayor of Boston to get in touch with Mr. Frink and Mr. Sensale, and whoever else may be in charge of this matter, and settle once and for all what the total enumeration of the inhabitants of the City of Boston is.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

President LYNCH called Coun. McGrath to the chair to preside.

HOLIDAY FOR EMPLOYEES IN DORCHESTER DAY PARADE.

Coun. RUBY offered the following:

Ordered, That the heads of departments be authorized to allow city employees taking part in the Dorchester Day parade and celebration on June 7, a holiday without loss of pay.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

CONDITION OF WALL AT TYLER STREET PLAYGROUND.

Coun. FITZGERALD offered the following:

Ordered, That the Building Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to examine the pillars supporting the wall at the Tyler Street Playground, Ward 3, and report to the City Council as to the safety of their construction.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REGISTRY OF ROOMS.

Coun. ARNOLD offered the following:

Ordered, That the Director of Public Celebrations be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to appoint a subcommittee on housing of the general Tercentenary Committee, which will maintain a register of persons with rooms to rent, for the convenience of visitors during the tercentenary observance.

Coun. ARNOLD—Mr. President, just a word on that order. It has been suggested to me that there are many people in the City of Boston who will have rooms available during the tercentenary celebration, and which might be availed of by our visitors. Many people will come here who will not be able to pay the usual hotel rates during their visit, and it seems to me it would be a very convenient thing for them to have some place where there might be registered such rooms or space as is available to such visitors, with the price of the same. That would be a great convenience to visitors and would be a good thing for our own citizens.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

ROPING OFF MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE.

Coun. ARNOLD offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Messenger be, and he hereby is authorized to rope off that section of Massachusetts avenue which will be the place of the dedication exercises of the Edward E. Ginsburg memorial bridge at noon, May 30, the expense to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, Flags, Ropes and Stakes.

Coun. ARNOLD—Mr. President, may I say in connection with that order that the bridge mentioned—the Edward E. Ginsburg Memorial Bridge—will be dedicated on Memorial Day, and I want at this time to invite such members of the Council as may wish to do so to attend the celebration. Their attendance will be most welcome at these exercises.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

STANDEES ON ELEVATED BUSES.

Coun. GREEN called up assignment, viz.:

6. An Ordinance Concerning Passengers on Jitneys.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Chapter thirty-nine of the Revised Ordinances of 1925 is hereby amended by striking out section one hundred and one, and inserting in place thereof the following:

Section 101. The license issued for each motor vehicle shall fix and specify its seating capacity, exclusive of the operator. Passengers in excess of twenty-five per cent above the seating capacity of such motor vehicle shall not be carried. Whenever the number of passengers applying for transportation exceeds the number hereinbefore provided for it shall be the duty of the licensee to furnish sufficient additional facilities to carry such passengers. No person operating or in charge of

any such vehicle shall take on or suffer or permit more persons to ride or to be carried thereon at any one time than is authorized by this section, or permit any person to stand or sit upon any running board, steps, fender, dash or hood thereof, or permit any person to ride on such motor vehicle outside the body thereof; provided, however, that in addition to the number of passengers which said motor vehicle by the terms of this section is permitted to carry, children under seven years of age may be carried therein, in arms, or seated on the laps of adult persons accompanying them, but no passenger with a child in arms or seated on the lap shall be permitted on any front seat of the vehicle.

The question came on the passage of the ordinance.

The ordinance was declared rejected.

Coun. GREEN doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote.

Coun. NORTON—Mr. President.

Chairman McGRATH—The gentleman is out of order at this time, while we are solving a doubt. The Chair has called for a rising vote.

The ordinance was declared passed by a rising vote, 10 to 8.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, with reference to this particular ordinance, on which I am now going to ask for a roll call, I would like an opportunity, with unanimous consent, to make a statement which will perhaps save you hammering the anvil.

Chairman McGRATH—The gentleman will proceed, if there is no objection.

Coun. WILSON—With reference to this particular ordinance, Mr. Chairman,—so that it shall be a matter of record and so that none of us a year from this November, for example, will conceivably go before the people of our district and say we misunderstood for one moment what the ordinance means, let it be a matter of record that, under the ordinance as it stands before us today, and which the members, representing the people of this city, have just voted to pass, means that standees shall be allowed in buses throughout the districts, including my own. Not wishing personally to be placed in the position of voting for such an ordinance, and not wishing to see it settled by either a voice vote or a stand-up vote, I would ask a roll call on the ordinance.

Chairman McGRATH—The clerk will call the roll.

Coun. NORTON—Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to make a statement.

Chairman McGRATH—If there is no objection, the councilor may proceed.

Coun. NORTON—Mr. President, if I may ask a question of the Chair, I would ask unanimous consent on a point of information, and that is whether the vote should not first have been taken on the motion to take the ordinance from the table, before it was put on the question of passing the ordinance which appears on our calendar as assignment No. 6?

Chairman McGRATH—The matter could be called up by any member of the Council, and the question would then come on the passage of the ordinance.

Coun. NORTON—Well, should the question first come on taking from the table, or on taking up the assignment, before putting the question on passage of the ordinance? Under our parliamentary procedure, would it not be necessary first to vote on taking the matter up?

Chairman McGRATH—Does the gentleman wish to ask a question or to make a statement?

Coun. NORTON—I wish to ask a question first, Mr. Chairman.

Chairman McGRATH—Councilor Norton asks consent to ask a question.

Coun. NORTON—Do I understand that the first vote to be taken under such circumstances is on the question of whether we shall take the matter from the table, or whether the vote should first be put on the question of passing the ordinance?

Chairman McGRATH—The matter was not on the table. It was an assignment, and could be called up by any member of the Council.

Coun. NORTON—Mr. Chairman, in conformity with my request that a unanimous consent be granted to my making a statement, I would like merely to reiterate what I said some weeks ago. Allowing standees in buses means the employment of a fewer number of men, means less help, and it means that at a time when in our city we are facing the worst economic problem of unemploy-

ment that this country has seen. Standees mean fewer men and fewer buses; no standees means more men and more buses. I cited the situation that started in 1918, when the Boston Elevated first petitioned the Public Utilities Commission and this Council to operate the first one-man car in Boston. At that time the words were used, "This is an experiment." It has since developed, however, as the result of that experiment, that over 90 per cent of the Elevated buses and cars are now one-man operated. We are facing in this city at the present time, Mr. Chairman, the worst situation in the matter of unemployment that we have ever faced. It means that every line of industry must be asked to keep in its employment as many men as possible, that as many in public improvements as can be should be carried through. The call was sent forth by the President of the United States sometime ago to the great industries of the nation to carry on as much activity as they were able to, in the interest of our people. The question presents itself, Mr. Chairman, what are we going to do with forty-five million people who must earn a living in America, when the automatic machines, machines where the human element is immensely reduced, are disseminating the ranks of American labor, to an extent that was never before known in the world history; when machines in the theaters cut out the employment in this country of 40,000 musicians; when labor-saving devices employed by Kuppenheimer and Hart, Schaffner & Marx, and others in the clothing line, have immensely reduced the number of operatives in that industry—

Coun. GREEN—Mr. Chairman, will the gentleman yield?

Coun. NORTON—No, not just now—when the present day telegraph and other instruments in newspaper offices have virtually done away with the old-time telegrapher; when a machine digs up a street, lays the pipes and puts back the surface dirt; when if you visit the Strandway, where a million-dollar job is in progress, you cannot count one hundred men working there. The great question is, Mr. Chairman, how are our forty-five million men and women to earn a living? There is a less number of people working for the Elevated now than there were a few years ago. A number of men received notice to quit last year. There is a less number of platform men, less repair men, less men in other lines than they ever had before in their history, and they, and many thousands of others in this city, are now suffering from unemployment at a time when they can't afford it. Therefore, as an economic matter, I say that this ordinance should not be passed. It means that more men will be discharged. It means probably that within one month there will be 200 or 300 fewer men working for the Elevated than are working today, and the number of men working for the road has already been seriously reduced. We will have to spend more money on our Poor Department than ever. It will cost us three million this year and next year it will be over three million. The question is, how are men going to find work? Are we going to let the Elevated lay off men while we are appealing to private industry generally to keep men employed, while the President and others are appealing to the different industries to hold fast to their present forces, to employ men of over forty, and to cut out the automatic machinery so far as possible? The automatic machinery has, of course, made luxuries of the past the necessities of today. We have seen great changes in our lives, but those changes also carry with them another significance, and we can already see to what the present unemployment situation is tending for this year and next year. I agree with the position taken by Mayor Gallagher of Woburn, in cutting out automatic machinery, so far as possible, where there are 500 families in his community out of work, and going back to the pick and shovel. While automatic machinery has been a great factor in progress, at the same time it has brought about a great deal of unemployment, and the best minds of the country will have to apply their most intensive effort to solve the problem. Mr. Chairman, standees in buses means less men to operate buses—less buses and less men. Therefore, I am against the ordinance.

Coun. GREEN—Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to make a statement.

Chairman McGRATH—If there is no objection, the councilor may make his statement.

Coun. GREEN—Mr. President, after listening to the councilor from Hyde Park, I would like to

ask the gentleman one question,—if he was in the executive committee when the representatives of the union, the Elevated Car Men's Union, waited on the members of the City Council and asked them to vote for this same proposition?

Chairman McGRATH—The Chair will state that no debate is in order.

Coun. NORTON—Mr. President, I would like to answer the question, and I will ask unanimous consent that I may answer it.

Chairman McGRATH—The councilor asks unanimous consent to answer the question. If there is no objection, he may proceed.

Coun. NORTON—Mr. President, I was in the room when the representatives of the union of the Boston Elevated Railroad requested the Council to pass that ordinance; but I was also in the chamber when a few weeks previously the representatives of that same union came and asked me personally to be against standees in the buses, and when they use virtually the same argument that I have used here this afternoon in support of that position. The representatives of the Elevated Union who appeared in the room in favor of standees were the same men who appeared later and changed their position after the gun had been put to their head and after they had been given their orders. And it was a very sheepish group of men who appeared before the Council here the second time in favor of the very ordinance which three weeks before they had opposed. Certainly if a committee of men ever turned completely around and changed their opinion, it was that group of men who came to our executive meeting later and said, "We want standees in the buses." Previous to that time they did not want them. Therefore, Mr. Colleague, I don't think cognizance should be taken of the opinions of that committee. When they came here and requested that the ordinance be passed, later, it was under duress. Mr. Chairman, at the very time when everybody, from the President of the United States down, is doing his utmost to have men kept in employment, certainly we should not pass this ordinance permitting standees in buses, when it will simply lead to the employment of a less number of men and a less number of buses. It was certainly a sheepish lot of men who appeared here, three weeks after they had made their first request that we defeat the ordinance, and asked us to favor it. We know why they later asked us to favor it. You heard their statement of what had transpired in the Union meeting, where action was taken by a small number of men, representing but a small proportion of the employees. As I say, they came here later and said they had changed their minds. And why? Because the gun was put to their heads.

Coun. FITZGERALD—Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to make a statement.

Chairman McGRATH—If there is no objection, the councilor may proceed.

Coun. FITZGERALD—I happened to be out of the chamber when the vote was taken on this matter, but if the remarks of the previous speaker are true I think action on this matter ought to be postponed and the thing investigated. If such charges as he makes are true, and these men were coerced, it means nothing less than a conspiracy on the part of this great corporation, and they should be investigated by the District Attorney. I want to say that it was the Elevated employees, who at meetings at Tremont Temple three years ago, brought about the 10-cent fare, and I think investigation will show that many of the wives of the men on the Elevated Railroad are occupying positions not only in the city, state and nation, but in private corporations as well. They talk about unemployment. I, for one, before my vote is passed, would like to have the councilor from Hyde Park (Coun. Norton) state where he gets the information that 200 or 300 men are to be laid off if we vote in favor of standees on the buses of the Elevated. I think we should have that information, if he has it.

Coun. KELLY—Mr. Chairman, before we take a vote on this important measure, I want to inform you what I have found out through talking with motormen and conductors in the Fields Corner section of my district. They are convinced that two leaders sold them out, sold them out cold, here, as Councilor Norton has said. Three weeks before they came here and favored the ordinance they came to me and implored me to vote against standees, on the theory that the ordinance would put men out of work, that from the two-man car in a little while we would go to the one-

man bus. That is just what it is coming to today. If you gentlemen will recall, thinking this matter over before we come to the roll call, when I asked the supposed leaders of the Union why they had changed their minds in the matter, I was greeted with this answer:—"The Elevated has agreed not to lay off any men." I asked the man who was speaking at the time if he knew that such an agreement was illegal and could not be enforced. He said he thought it could be enforced. I then asked the representatives of the Elevated Trustees what they thought about it, and they said that the agreement was illegal and unenforceable. Mr. President, the people of my district, when they buy a ticket, want a seat, and I am here to see that they get a seat. I am against standees.

Coun. BUSH—Mr. President, I wish to ask unanimous consent to correct some of the remarks made by the councilor from Hyde Park (Coun. Norton).

Chairman McGRATH—If there is no objection, the gentleman may proceed.

Coun. BUSH—Mr. Chairman, he stated that these delegates of the Carmen's Union appeared before the Executive Committee of the City Council and gave as a reason for their opposition to the standees in buses that it would lay off men. I recall that I asked them that very question and that they denied that that was the reason why they were appearing before the Executive Committee in opposition to standees in the buses. Their entire argument in opposition was based on the question of public safety. I recall distinctly that the argument they presented was that standees in buses would prevent the operator of the bus from seeing what was happening at his rear. That was the main argument; and I remember asking them the question whether it would affect the matter of employment. They denied that it would affect the matter of employment, and, as a matter of fact, that was not a part of their argument at all.

Coun. GLEASON—Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to make a statement.

Chairman McGRATH—If there is no objection, the councilor may proceed.

Coun. GLEASON—Mr. President, the reason why I am voting in favor of standees today is because the Elevated officials and the Union officials appear before our Executive Committee and have come to an agreement. But if the charges that the gentleman from Hyde Park (Coun. Norton) presents before this Council today are true, and he can prove them, I will change my vote.

Coun. DOWD—Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to make a statement.

Chairman McGRATH—If there is no objection, the councilor may proceed.

Coun. DOWD—Mr. Chairman, I am somewhat surprised that some of the statements made to the effect that the Union officials have appeared before the Council and have asked the Council to allow standees on the Elevated buses. Every member of the Council remembers the fight that they made for perhaps three years. You all remember very well the fight that former Councilor Murphy made with regard to the Elevated, in this matter. I simply want to substantiate the charges that the councilor from Hyde Park (Coun. Norton) has made, and I will go a step farther. The day after the ordinance was first introduced, I had been the first to rise in objection to it, and the following week I was visited, not at the Council Chamber, but at my place of business, by the attorney of the Carmen's Union, and was asked to lead the fight against having standees in the Elevated buses. In view of the situation as it exists, I fail to see wherein the Council can pass this ordinance.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent to make a statement.

Chairman McGRATH—If there is no objection, the councilor may proceed.

Coun. DONOVAN—I am not interested in the Elevated trustees, or the Union, or any of the officials of the Union of the Elevated employees; but I am interested in the car-riding public. It is obvious that the word "service" is entirely foreign to the trustees of the Elevated Railroad. We have had an instance of that in East Boston. Not content with herding the people like cattle, they have installed one-man cars over there. I have not seen one single instance where the trustees of the Elevated Railroad have been giving consideration to the car-riding public. With them, it is a case of serving the Elevated directors, and their action is not from the stand-

point of serving the car-riding public. We have no buses in East Boston yet, and we don't want them, but I can readily visualize that perhaps within a year we will be asked to allow them to be installed, and the people will be forced to walk up and down steps, and to suffer inconvenience generally, because this form of transportation is being introduced against the wishes and interests of the car-riding public. I am opposed to standees in buses, Mr. Chairman.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to make a statement.

Chairman McGRATH—If there is no objection, the gentleman may proceed.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, let me state, first of all, that a councilor is put in an unfortunate position when he must ask unanimous consent to make a statement on such an important matter prior to a roll call. It seems to me we should have a right to make such statements without asking unanimous consent. However that may be, I agree with the councilor from East Boston (Coun. Donovan), who is more fortunate in his district than the people of my district are. He says he has no buses in his district, while there are three or four bus lines in the district I represent. But I agree with him that we are to be governed by the wishes of the people of our district, the wishes of the car-riding public, and not by the wishes of the Carmen's Union, the Elevated Trustees, or anybody else. The persons in whom we are primarily interested are the car-riding public—who, in answer to a post-card poll sent out to 3,000 voters in my ward, voted two and one-half or three to one against standees in buses. So I don't care how many times the officials of the Carmen's Union change their minds—as they have done—or for their motives when they change their minds; but I am interested primarily in the people of my district and their wishes, in so far as they are made known to me. Those are the people in whose interest I am voting today, those are the people whom I am sent here to represent; and I am surprised that members of the body, simply because two or three Union officials come in here at one time and say one thing, and then come in at another time and say something else, should allow that to affect their minds and their votes. I shall be very much surprised if men here will change their minds because of any such reason. The people whom we represent are the car-riding public, and I will simply say, so far as the people of my ward in Dorchester are concerned, that they have spoken by a vote of two and one-half or three to one against the proposed change in the ordinance.

Several members addressed the Chair.

Chairman McGRATH—The Chair will say that there was sufficient opportunity to debate the order when the question first came up and was open for discussion. We are now attempting to solve the doubt, and no debate is in order.

Coun. LYNCH—Mr. Chairman, I would ask unanimous consent to address the body.

Chairman McGRATH—If there is no objection, the councilor may proceed.

Coun. LYNCH—The only argument advanced in favor of the passage of the order is that the officials of the Union wish it passed. I think every member of the body knows that the two officials who appeared here first came to me and asked for the privilege to be heard before our Executive Committee when the ordinance was first offered. Permission for them to appear before the Executive Committee and make a statement was granted. They then asked that the ordinance be defeated. About two weeks later, or a short time later, they came in with the officials of the Elevated road and asked that the ordinance be passed. They could give no reason whatsoever for their about-face, and I think every member who was present at that executive hearing positively believes that both men were lying. I am against standees in buses, Mr. President. In South Boston at present the streets are in poor condition, and that would mean that standees in buses would be badly thrown about. But, whether or not the streets are in good condition, it is almost impossible to stand in a bus going along at twenty or thirty miles an hour without being thrown about or shaken up. Mr. President, I hope that this ordinance will not pass.

Coun. COX—Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to make a statement.

Chairman McGRATH—If there is no objection, the gentleman may proceed.

Coun. COX—Mr. President, I am not interested

in the stand of the Union or the stand of the Elevated on this matter. I am interested in the car-riders. In addition to that, let me say that this ordinance as framed at the present time is most vague. It says:

"Passengers in excess of twenty-five per cent above the seating capacity of such motor vehicle shall not be carried. Whenever the number of passengers applying for transportation exceeds the number hereinbefore provided for it shall be the duty of the licensee to furnish sufficient additional facilities to carry such passengers."

Neither does it say who shall be the judge as to whether the percentage is 25 or more. So I say that the ordinance as framed is vague. It simply gives to the Elevated the right to carry legally as standees 25 per cent of the number sitting, and as many more as they can crowd in. Mr. President, I wish to record my vote against this ordinance, purely from the standpoint of the public and of public safety, for the protection of the people who are to be driven in these buses and who will be crowded into them if the opportunity to do so is given to the Elevated.

Coun. ARNOLD—Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to make a statement.

Chairman McGRATH—If there is no objection the gentleman may proceed.

Coun. ARNOLD—Mr. President, I would not have risen at this time if I did not believe it was better for me to do so than to sit here quietly while a number of the members of the Council speak three or four times upon the question, members who are obviously upon the same side that they were when they spoke previously. I have been through this matter before. I voted in favor of standees before, and I received on account of my vote a protest from just one person in my district, who took issue with me because of that vote. I explained to him as best I could my reasons, and he accepted them, and was very enthusiastic in his support of me for re-election, although a member of the opposite political party. I have many men in my ward who are employed by the Boston Elevated still—many motormen, many conductors, but I have yet to receive from them a word of any kind to the effect that they are against this proposition. I should think, in order to be consistent, that they would be emphatically in favor of it, because obviously, if this ordinance prevails, there will be a less number of standees in the buses on the Elevated system than there are at the present time. I am interested, as all the members of the Council are interested, Mr. President, in extending the service of the Boston Elevated to all the inhabitants of the Metropolitan District. I am interested in extending the efficiency of the service, and I believe if this ordinance becomes a part of the recognized ordinances of the City of Boston, we will have an improvement in conditions. We will not see the monstrous spectacle of buses coming into Boston asking passengers to unload before they come into this city. Let us be consistent throughout the system. I recall very well in 1918, as a member of the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs, who reported the bill which gave over this great system to the people, the circumstances existing at that time. Some of the members of the Council, Mr. President, do not seem to recognize the fact that the people are really running this corporation at the present time and have been since 1918, and that the policies adopted by the Elevated system are the policies advocated by representatives of the people throughout the district. I believe we have a unique situation, where the management of the Elevated, the trustees, the general manager and the employees, are in full accord. I believe we should pass this ordinance.

Coun. RUBY—Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to make a statement.

Chairman McGRATH—The gentleman may proceed, if there is no objection.

Coun. RUBY—Mr. President, I did not intend to inject myself into this prolonged debate. As a member of the Committee on Ordinances, one who voted to bring this ordinance up on the floor of the Council, in view of some of the remarks that have been made I think the members of the Council ought to be familiarized with the ordinance as it came to the committee, as well as the ordinance that is now before the Council. I think we are getting a little bit disturbed about the situation, unnecessarily. The councilor from Ward 18 (Coun. Norton) in an eloquent speech started in today to debate the question of un-

employment, which has concerned this body for almost a year and a half. For a considerable period we have been faced with the unemployment situation. But I also say, Mr. Chairman and members of the Council, that, regardless of what we did a year and a half ago, and what we have done since, we have not, in my opinion, relieved the unemployment situation one bit. Surely the councilor from Ward 18 is not going to hold the members of this Council responsible for the machinery and the new devices that have gone into effect, with which we had absolutely nothing to do. I might remind the councilor from Ward 18, as well as the other members of the Council who have spoken, that today the Boston Elevated Trustees are allowing their operators of every single bus in every part of Boston to overload the bus with standing passengers to the capacity of the bus. When we received this contemplated ordinance from the Elevated Trustees, there were in it the words "Shall not habitually carry over 25 per cent." The members of the committee felt that if the ordinance were passed, with that clause in it, the Elevated would be permitted to carry ten, fifteen or twenty standee passengers, if the size of the bus warranted it. So we reported the ordinance back and said to the Elevated Trustees that the number of standees must be limited to 25 per cent of the seating capacity of the bus. Mr. President, it is my firm conviction that if we permit this ordinance to pass as it has been reported, the car-riders of Boston will be getting a better deal, because then and only then will we have control over the bus situation, and then and only then will councilors from Ward 18, Ward 17 and Ward 20 be able to see that buses in their district, the capacity of which is twenty-eight, will not have more than seven standees to the bus. If that sort of thing happens, and it is observed by a councilor or anybody else, we can simply ask that the permit for carrying such passengers be revoked. I think under the rules we would have that right. And we all know, without the passage of such a restrictive ordinance, the buses have been and will be overloaded with standees.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, will the gentleman yield for a question? The gentleman refers to the people owning and operating the road under the Public Control Act. I wonder if he is aware of the fact that when it comes to the expenditure of money, whether for the building of tunnels or subways, the Board of Trustees are not the final authority, but are subject to the directors of the Boston Elevated? Does that make the Elevated road a publicly controlled, owned and operated railroad?

Coun. RUBY—Under my permission to discuss this matter, Mr. President, I will take this opportunity to say that, so far as we are concerned as public officials, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts today owns and operates the Boston Elevated Railroad. The Governor of this Commonwealth—and I want to say now that I favor home rule for Boston at all times on all questions, even to the extent of appointment of trustees of the Boston Elevated Railway,—appoints every man on the Board of Trustees, and they are answerable to the Governor of this Commonwealth. I think that they should be answerable, as I think the Police Commissioner of Boston should be answerable, to the Mayor of Boston. Nevertheless, we are now controlling and operating the Boston Elevated system in this Commonwealth, and we now have before us for action an ordinance that, in my opinion, will benefit the general public. How many of us are taking into consideration the fact that it is not so very long ago when open cars were operating. It was at least in my time. I can remember—and I am a little older than some members of the Council—the days when I, as a boy, was allowed to stand on the running-board of the Elevated cars, being allowed upon the payment of five cents to ride in that manner—although I might have assumed some responsibility that I didn't know about at the time. And let me remind you that the trustees of the Elevated, under the present statute, are able to do anything they want. If they want to take off three or four cars from your district or my district, nobody under the sun can stop them.

When they want to take off cars from the Eggleston Square-Mattapan line, they do it—rush hours, Saturdays or Sundays, makes no difference. But in voting on this question I am not influenced in any way by the fact that delegates of the Union came in here and took one position at one time

and another position at another time. At no time, however, did they say that if we granted the permission to the Elevated it would mean the curtailing of men. I don't think a member of this body would vote for the ordinance if it meant the discharge of one human being on the Boston Elevated. I believe, however, that if the Boston Elevated has determined to curtail expenses and to cut out men, it will not do it under the power of this ordinance, because they are now permitting, as I say, nine, ten or eleven standees in a bus, a larger number than would be permitted under this ordinance. You are saying to the Boston Elevated under this ordinance, "This permits you to carry no more than 25 per cent of your capacity in a bus as standees. If the average bus seats twenty-eight people, you are allowed to carry seven standees, and not ten, eleven or twelve"—the number that I have seen many times in the Elevated buses, on the Rowe's Wharf short trip to Franklin street and on lines on other important thoroughfares. I think, however, we ought not to be disturbed by the varying positions taken by representatives of the Carmen's Union, or by the desire of the Elevated, for which we hold no brief. I desire to repeat, however, that, although men representing the Carmen's Union came in here and took one position one week, and another position at another time, at no time, if my memory serves me right,—and I was present on both occasions when they spoke,—did they say anything indicating that the Boston Elevated intended to fire one man if we either defeated or passed the ordinance. I do feel that we will be doing the car-rider a greater benefit by permitting a specified percentage, a specified number of standees, and I think the ordinance ought to pass.

Coun. HEIN—Mr. President, I move the previous question.

Coun. NORTON—Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to speak.

Chairman McGRATH—Councilor Hein has called for the previous question, and that serves as an objection to the request for unanimous consent.

Coun. NORTON—Mr. President, I appeal from the decision of the Chair. This is an important matter, and I think the members ought to be allowed to express themselves fully.

Chairman McGRATH—Is the appeal seconded?

Coun. MURRAY—I second the appeal, Mr. President.

Chairman McGRATH—Those in favor of sustaining the Chair will please rise. [A majority of the members arose.] The Chair is sustained, and the clerk will call the roll on the question of passing the ordinance.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, if in order, I would ask for a roll call on the question of sustaining the Chair and shutting off debate on such an important question as this.

Chairman McGRATH—Councilor Wilson asks for a roll call on the question of sustaining the Chair. The clerk will call the roll.

The Council refused upon the roll call to sustain the Chair, yeas 10, nays 11:

Yeas—Coun. Arnold, Bush, Curtiss, Englert, Gleason, Green, Hein, Lynch, Power, Ruby—10.

Nays—Coun. Cox, Donovan, Dowd, Fish, Fitzgerald, Gallagher, Kelly, Mahoney, Murray, Norton, Wilson—11.

Coun. NORTON—Mr. President?

Chairman McGRATH—Councilor Norton asks unanimous consent to make another statement. Does any member object?

Coun. ARNOLD—Yes, Mr. President.

Chairman McGRATH—Objection being made, the question now comes on the passage of the ordinance, and the clerk will call the roll.

The ordinance failed of passage, yeas 10, nays 12:

Yeas—Coun. Arnold, Curtiss, Englert, Fitzgerald, Gallagher, Gleason, Green, Hein, Power, Ruby—10.

Nays—Coun. Bush, Cox, Donovan, Dowd, Fish, Kelly, Lynch, Mahoney, McGrath, Murray, Norton, Wilson—12.

Chairman McGRATH—And the ordinance is rejected. [Applause from the galleries.]

PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF MYRTLEBANK AVENUE.

Coun. FISH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the

Mayor, to lay out and accept Myrtlebank avenue, Ward 16, as a public highway.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK ON JERSEY STREET.

Coun. CURTIS offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Jersey street, both sides, from Brookline avenue to Audubon road, Ward 5, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF DERBY PLACE.

Coun. GLEASON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept Derby place, Ward 9, as a public highway.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

WARD 11 IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. ENGLERT offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving St. Joseph street, Ward 11.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept as a public highway Bremen terrace, Ward 11.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

CONFIRMATION OF CONSTABLES.

Coun. WILSON, for the Special Committee on Constables, reported recommending the confirmation of the following constables:

Francis E. Brown, Henry P. Burns, Samuel Gordon, Harry Greenbaum, Simon Hirshon, Lewis C. Speare, Frederick P. Sullivan, C. P. Gill, Joseph B. Corey, John J. Leventhal, Walter S. Milliken, Joseph Hana, Timothy S. Rush, John J. Lenehan, James P. Carty, John J. Sullivan and Joseph S. Tieso.

The question came on confirmation of the names stated. Committee, Coun. Mahoney and Gallagher. Whole number of ballots, 19; yeas 19, and the appointments were confirmed.

PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF DELLE AVENUE.

Coun. POWER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Delle avenue, from Burney to Carmel street, Ward 10, as a public highway.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK ON SHERIDAN STREET.

Coun. MURRAY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Sheridan street, from Centre street to Chestnut avenue, both sides, Ward 19, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

TRAFFIC SIGN, WARD 19.

Coun. MURRAY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install a "dead stop" traffic sign at the junction of Rowe street and Cummins Highway, Ward 19.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

CONDITION OF NEW BRIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL.

Coun. HEIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of School Buildings be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to report to the City Council the amount of money which is to be further expended on the new Brighton High School, and what defects, if any, exist in the present structure.

Coun. HEIN—Mr. President, my reason for putting the order in is this. Last week I decided to look over the new Brighton High School. I knew that the city was spending considerably more than a million and a quarter dollars, and I wanted to see where this money was being spent and for what. To my mind, this building from the exterior would be an asset to any college in the country if it had been built as a memorial, or from money left by some wealthy alumnus. There is quite a bit more work to be done on the outside to complete the project. I refer to the exterior grading, drives and approaches. Where is the loam coming from to complete the grading? Where is the loam that was on the site when the work was started? Who did the excavating for the contractor? Who was the inspector for the old Schoolhouse Commission that should have known what was being done with the loam? What does the architect of the building know about the loam? Who is going to pay for the loam required for this grading? The building is faced with an expensive Gothic limestone which may be pleasing to the artistic taste of some. When I say the building is faced, I mean the whole exterior front, sides and back—even the automotive shop in the rear, out of sight from all, this is faced with limestone. Now, let us go into the building. Have you ever visited the whispering gallery in the dome of the Capitol in Washington? Well, the Brighton High School is one big whispering gallery. If you talk louder than a whisper, you feel as though the roof was coming down on you. How long will the teaching staff in this school last with their voices reverberating throughout the classroom? The slightest noise is carried back and forth throughout each classroom. What has been done to tone this down? Why should it exist at all? If you do not believe me, I ask that you visit this school and get the facts first hand. I asked the superintendent for the contractor if they had heat on the building, and he said they let their engineer go four weeks ago. Imagine a new building costing what this building has without heat to keep out moisture. In some rooms the paint is already beginning to peel off the ceiling. Perhaps it might be well to look into this matter further if such conditions exist. What has happened before? What is likely to happen in the future? As the roof is leaking in several places, we can see right now what is happening.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS.

Coun. WILSON, for the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred May 19) appropriating \$75,000 for granolithic sidewalks—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted, said order passed, yeas 21, nays 0.

COST OF COMPLETION OF MORTON STREET.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners, through his Honor the Mayor, be, and said Board hereby is, respectfully requested to advise the City Council forthwith as to the estimated cost necessary for the completion of Morton

street, Dorchester, covering that section of the proposed Morton street between Codman street and Druid street.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, that order is introduced at this time in an endeavor to settle a dispute apparently existing between the City Auditor and the Board of Street Commissioners for the last year, at least, which has been holding up the completion of the Morton street development which was authorized by the Massachusetts Legislature as long ago as 1924. In this body last year, the members may remember, loan orders offered by the councilor from Ward 17 requesting sufficient money to complete this Morton street job were successively vetoed by the late Mayor for the not particularly logical reason that he had no particular admiration direct or indirect for the representatives of the people of Ward 17. The fact remains, however, that the Morton street job was authorized by the Legislature six years ago. And still I have been called upon last year and this year to vote a million and a quarter dollars for streets like Centre street and St. Ann street, while a street in my own section remains in an uncompleted condition, despite the fact that it was authorized six years ago. I feel that the Board of Street Commissioners should either take the money out of their street money, or that some order should be passed, or a horn of the dilemma should be grasped in some way or other, so that the people of the district I represent may not suffer longer delay, because of this improvement not being carried through, for the reason that one department differs with another on questions of public policy.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

WARD 17 IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner, through his Honor the Mayor, be, and said commissioner hereby is, respectfully requested to resurface Lindsey street in Ward 17.

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner, through his Honor the Mayor, be, and said commissioner hereby is, respectfully requested to resurface Selden street in Ward 17, between Milton avenue and Capen street.

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner, through his Honor the Mayor, be, and said commissioner hereby is, respectfully requested to resurface Atherstone street in Ward 17.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

The Council took a recess, on motion of Coun. BUSH, at 4.12 p. m. The members reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by President LYNCH at 4.38 p. m.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.

President LYNCH called up, under unfinished business, No. 1 on the calendar, viz.:

Action on appointment submitted by the Mayor May 19, 1930, of Isabel D. Cunio, to be a Weigher of Coal.

The question came on confirmation. Committee, Coun. Kelley and Donovan. Whole number of ballots 15, yeas 15, and the appointment was confirmed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. MAHONEY, for the Executive Committee submitted the following:

1. Report on petitions (referred today) for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement, viz.:

Florence S. Woodward, at Bates Hall May 22; Gertrude DePetro, at Jordan Hall, June 4, 5; Mary V. Corbett, at Shubert Lyric Hall, June 9; D. Baline, at Roger Wolcott Hall, May 28; Rev. W. J. Callahan, at Gate of Heaven Hall, May 26, 27; Emma G. Tunncliffe, Hotel Somerset, May 28,—that leave be granted, under usual conditions.

Report accepted, leave granted under usual conditions.

2. Report on communication from the City Treasurer in regard to duplicate bonds to be issued to Sarah E. Haigh in place of bonds that have been lost—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

3. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) that Police Commissioner be authorized to sell at duly advertised public auction at an upset price of \$3,500, the police boat "Guardian"—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

SIDEWALK ON MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE.

Coun. GLEASON, for Coun. Dowd, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Massachusetts avenue, from Southampton street, to New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Bridge, Ward 8, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

Adjourned, at 4.43 p. m., on motion of Coun. KELLY, to meet on Monday, June 2, 1930, at 2 p. m.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, June 2, 1930.

Regular meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President LYNCH in the chair. Absent, Coun. Dowd.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in accordance with law, (Coun. Ruby presiding at the box in the absence of the Mayor), as follows:

Twenty-two grand jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear July 7, 1930:

James F. McLaughlin, Ward 1; Leo E. Lucey, Ward 2; George S. Bennett, Ward 4; Frank Hayes, Ward 5; William F. Drummey, Ward 6; William P. White, Ward 6; James Murphy, Ward 8; Herbert M. Blizard, Ward 11; Morris Burg, Ward 12; Hyman I. Gerber, Ward 12; Zed Prophet, Ward 12; John Bacigalupo, Ward 13; John B. Curran, Ward 14; Jacob DeGroot, Ward 14; Daniel G. Higgins, Ward 14; Morris Segelman, Ward 14; James W. Gregg, Ward 18; Arthur A. Harrington, Ward 18; William C. Hankey, Ward 19; Llewellyn L. Cross, Ward 20; John F. Kelly, Ward 22; Thomas J. Tuohy, Ward 22.

Thirty-one traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, Second Session, to appear July 9, 1930:

Robert M. Humphrey, Ward 1; John Lane, Ward 1; Patrick McCarthy, Ward 1; Frank L. Merritt, Ward 1; Charles J. McDevitt, Ward 2; Andrew J. Phair, Ward 2; Ralph L. Jewett, Ward 3; Louis V. Norcross, Ward 4; Richard L. Venable, Ward 4; James J. Dunne, Ward 6; Coleman H. Joyce, Ward 7; Joseph F. Lynch, Ward 7; George A. Schroth, Ward 9; John J. LaVie, Ward 10; Francis E. Morris, Ward 11; Ralph Chafe, Ward 12; Louis Fox, Ward 12; Henry Rempf, Ward 12; Herman Shifman, Ward 12; Daniel F. Sullivan, Ward 13; Morris Epstein, Ward 14; Angus J. Gillis, Ward 17; Charles E. Hatch, Ward 18; Thomas P. Donahue, Ward 19; William K. Beardsley, Ward 20; Axel Foster, Ward 20; John C. Hobbs, Ward 20; Roger M. Mitchell, Ward 20; Elmer W. Stevens, Ward 20; Alexander K. Williams, Ward 20; James E. Wallace, Ward 22.

Twenty-seven traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Sixth Session, July Sitting, to appear July 7, 1930:

Thomas F. O'Brien, Ward 1; Michael G. Power, Ward 2; Carmen DeSantis, Ward 3; Frank Palumbo, Ward 3; Henry G. Rosi, Ward 3; Michael Kelly, Ward 6; George W. McInnis, Ward 6; Hugh E. Fitzgerald, Ward 7; Harry Bixler, Ward 8; William W. McKenna, Ward 8; John J. Morley, Ward 8; Earl B. Shaw, Ward 8; John J. Donnelly, jr., Ward 11; Louis R. Hartnett, Ward 11; Patrick Leahy, Ward 11; George M. Austin, Ward 12; Francis J. Gillespie, Ward 12; Louis H. Hambro, Ward 12; Samuel Wigman, Ward 12; John F. Fitzmaurice, Ward 16; James A. Malloon, Ward 16; John J. Connors, Ward 17; Frank J. McBarron, Ward 17; Harold E. Fish, Ward 20; Theodore A. Sanders, Ward 20; Russel K. Nash, Ward 21; William A. Clark, Ward 22.

Twenty-nine traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Seventh Session, July Sitting, to appear July 7, 1930:

James Cavanaugh, Ward 2; Daniel A. Carter, Ward 3; Fred A. Atwood, Ward 4; Charles F. Bellows, Ward 4; George E. Garrod, Ward 5; George T. Priest, Ward 5; Edward H. Flaherty, Ward 7; William A. Glynn, Ward 10; Alfred E. Wurster, Ward 10; John J. Shields, Ward 12; Benn Welling, Ward 12; John A. Conlon, Ward 13; Walter E. Mullett, Ward 14; John C. Verachka, Ward 14; Garrett B. Kiley, Ward 15; Simon C.

Condon, Ward 16; John McLaughlin, Ward 16; Patrick J. Hartnett, Ward 17; Timothy J. Kennealy, Ward 17; Francis M. Killion, Ward 17; Frank Spellman, Ward 17; Theodore T. Marshall, Ward 18; Joseph J. Riley, Ward 18; John Roman, Ward 18; Frank Panarello, Ward 19; John J. Ross, Ward 19; Adam Bletzer, Ward 20; Frank L. Colburn, Ward 20; Charles S. Moran, Ward 22.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments for the term ending April 30, 1931, viz.:

Constables: Daniel J. Haley, 875 Fourth street, South Boston; George E. Sobol, 14 Greendale road, Dorchester; John J. Connolly, 42 Bellevue street, Dorchester; John P. Shea, 20 Cortes street, Boston.

Weighers of Goods: Robert A. Bruce, 95 Pierce street, Hyde Park, Mass.

Severally laid over a week under the law.

SALE OF JUNK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 2, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you communication from the Commissioner of Public Works requesting permission of your body to sell at public auction old junk, etc., which meets with my approval.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department, May 31, 1930.

To His Honor the Mayor.

I respectfully recommend that your Honor obtain the permission of the City Council for the sale, at public auction, of the following old materials, etc., which are of no further use to the department and which have an approximate value of \$2,200:

Approximately:

14,500 pounds heavy composition (mostly cock parts).
1,200 pounds light composition.
2,000 pounds composition chips.
1,800 pounds light brass (meter parts).
800 pounds automobile tires.
250 pounds inner tubes and rubber boots.
400 pounds hard rubber.
950 pounds old fire hose.
1,200 pounds lead dross.
95 tons cast iron.
Seven composition propeller blades.

Yours very truly,
JOSEPH A. ROURKE,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be, and hereby is, authorized to sell at public auction junk and old materials in the possession of the Public Works Department valued at approximately \$2,200.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

REGISTERED VOTERS IN DORCHESTER.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 2, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from the Board of Election Commissioners with reference to obtaining the number of registered voters and adults listed in Dorchester. This is in reply to your order of May 19, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Election Department, May 26, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—We are setting forth below the information you desire.

Dorchester Wards in 1920.

WARDS.	Male Residents, April 1, 1920, as Returned by Listing Board.*	Number of Registered Voters.†
11 (except Precincts 1, 2, 3).	5,225	5,355
17.....	8,077	8,441
18.....	8,204	8,069
19.....	7,758	9,015
20.....	7,982	8,639
21.....	9,210	8,707
Total.....	<u>46,456</u>	<u>48,226</u>

* Female residents were not listed as of April 1, 1920.

† Figures include both male and female voters.

Dorchester Wards in 1926.

WARDS.	Men and Women Residents, as Returned by Listing Board, April 1, 1926.	Number of Registered Voters.
7 (in part) (Precincts 11 to 16).	7,135	3,954
13.....	18,646	10,726
14.....	27,621	11,928
15.....	17,626	10,780
16.....	17,571	10,893
17.....	17,869	11,506
18 (in part) (Precincts 1, 2, 3).	4,002	2,288
Total.....	<u>110,470</u>	<u>62,075</u>

Dorchester Wards in 1930.

WARDS.	Men and Women Residents, April 1, 1930, as Returned by Listing Board.
7 (in part) (Precincts 11 to 16)....	6,783
13.....	18,619
14.....	32,155
15.....	17,830
16.....	20,966
17.....	20,647
18 (in part) (Precincts 1, 2, 3).....	5,417
Total.....	<u>122,417</u>

We are unable at this time to furnish you with the number of Registered Voters on First Printed List for the year 1930. Such figures will be available on or about June 15.

Very truly yours,
BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS,
FRANK SEIBERLICH, Chairman.
Placed on file.

GOVERNOR SQUARE ACT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 2, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—Chapter 394 of the Acts of the Legislature of 1930 entitled, "An Act Providing for the Elimination of the Crossing at Grade at Governor Square in the City of Boston by Street Railway Cars using the Boylston Street Subway," provides in part that the act shall take effect upon its acceptance by vote of the City Council of the City of Boston, approved by the Mayor, and requires the filing of a certificate of such acceptance with the State Secretary, provided, however, that such acceptance, approval and filing occur during the current year.

I submit to your honorable body a copy of the act and an order providing for its acceptance. The importance of favorable and early action on this matter is, no doubt, clearly evident to the members of the Council.

For years the demand for relief from the congestion at this most important traffic junction has been constantly urged.

Early in 1925, upon my petition, the Legislature enacted chapter 341 of that year, under the terms of which it was provided that the Boston Elevated Railway should pay an annual rental sufficient to meet interest charges on the debt incurred in construction and provide for the necessary payments into a sinking fund to amortize such debt. This act did not become operative by reason of the failure of the Boston Elevated Railway to accept its terms.

In January of this year I again took the matter up and called into conference the Trustees and Directors of the Elevated Railway Company, the members of the Transit Commission and the Corporation Counsel of the city, with the result that an agreement was secured and the present law enacted. Under the terms of this act the Boston Elevated Railway is called upon to pay an annual rental at the rate of 4½ per cent, or approximately \$140,000, on the net cost of the extension, this cost being estimated at \$3,100,000. In the event, however, that the reserve fund provided in the Public Control Act of 1918 is not sufficient to meet this rental charge in whole or in part, the City of Boston is to assume one half of such amount as the company fails to pay, the other half to be paid by the Commonwealth and in turn assessed on the cities and towns comprising the district established by the 1918 Act, the amount of such assessment to the City of Boston approximating 72 per cent.

It is my firm conviction that the operation of this extension will be not only self-sustaining but will result in a substantial saving to the Elevated road by reason of the elimination of the delays at Governor square which have seriously interfered with the maintenance of the time schedules of the railway, affecting in turn the use of the entire rapid transit system.

It is most earnestly to be hoped and I respectfully recommend that this order be adopted by your honorable body without undue delay.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That chapter 394 of the Acts of 1930, entitled, "An Act Providing for the Elimination of the Crossing at Grade at Governor Square in the City of Boston by Street Railway Cars using the Boylston Street Subway," be, and the same is hereby, accepted.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

Coun. BUSH in the chair.

COURT OFFICER'S SALARY.

A communication was received from Samuel R. Cutler, Justice of District Court of Chelsea, fixing

salary of Peter A. Kiernan, court officer of District Court of Chelsea, at \$2,200 per annum, to take effect June 1, 1930.

Referred to Committee on County Accounts.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and severally referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Atlantic Paper Company, Inc., for compensation for damage to property at 83 Mercantile street, caused by backing up of sewage.

Mabel I. Beaton, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Arlington street.

Alfred R. Cannon, for compensation for damage to truck by city truck.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester H. Dickinson, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Medford Street Playground.

Mrs. Edith Funcannon, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Cedar street.

H. S. Levenson, for refund on unused refuse tickets.

Marion Maxwell, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Edward Everett School.

Ellen A. O'Brien, for compensation for collapse of boiler at 337 Bunker Hill street, caused by water being shut off.

Lewis O'Leary, for compensation for damage to clothing caused by an alleged defect at 26 Darling street.

Emily Shayrib, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Motte street.

Domenico Sisco, for refund on license fee.

F. Simonetti, for refund on refuse tickets.

Percy V. Thayer, for compensation for damage to automobile caused by ball thrown from John Doherty Playground.

World Radio Corporation, for compensation for damage to property at 82 Summer street, caused by break in water main.

David Hannington, for refund on license fee.

Executive.

Petitions of children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement, viz.:

Elizabeth G. McNamee, at Elizabeth Peabody House, June 13.

Ruth Hawes, Unitarian Parish Hall, June 7.

Irene E. Hogan, Greenwood Hall, June 9.

CONSTABLES' BONDS.

Bonds, duly approved by the City Treasurer, of the following-named constables, were received:

Dwight E. Cummings, Harris Friedberg, Samuel Goldsmith, Joseph Hana, Samuel Gordon, Harry Greenbaum, William H. Kenney, Maurice Levine, William P. Miles, Timothy S. Rush, Samuel Semiansky, Lewis C. Speare, John J. Sullivan.

On motion of Coun. WILSON the bond of Dwight E. Cummings was laid on the table.

The remaining constables' bonds were approved by the Council.

STREET RAILWAY POLICE.

Notice was received from the City of Cambridge that upon petition of the Boston Elevated Railway the Mayor had appointed thirteen street railway police officers as listed.

Placed on file.

PAVING OF EATON STREET.

Coun. FITZGERALD offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth pavement Eaton street, from Chambers street to North Russell street.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SATURDAY HALF HOLIDAY FOR UNITED STATES POSTOFFICE EMPLOYEES.

Coun. MAHONEY offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston heartily indorses the proposed legislation now

before Congress extending to the employees of the United States Postoffice Department the Saturday half-holiday privileges now enjoyed by nearly all other public employees.

The question came on the passage of the resolution.

Coun. MAHONEY—Mr. President, I am sincerely of the opinion that this resolution should commend itself to the judgment of the members of the City Council. The employees of the United States Post Office Department comprise men and women who are among the hardest workers in the service of our government, and their intimate relation with the great general public which they serve makes necessary the fact that there should be a remarkable sincerity of purpose, loyalty, and fidelity of effort. The employees of the Department of Justice, the Department of Commerce, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture and the Treasury Department, as well as the various bureaus and governmental boards associated with the United States Government, today enjoy the Saturday half-holiday. The measure of Congressman Kendall now before Congress in Washington will prevent the exclusion of the employees of the Post Office Department in Boston and the entire country from the enjoyment of the Saturday half-holiday which those in state and municipal employ at present enjoy. The enactment of this legislation has been proposed in Washington for many years but without avail, and the time is now at hand when this Council should give its indorsement to this important measure in behalf of the great body of men and women who comprise one of the most meritorious groups of employees in the employ of the American Government. Mr. President, I move a suspension of the rule and the adoption of the resolution.

The rule was suspended and the resolution was adopted.

AUTOMOBILE WARNING SIGNS, WARD 15.

Coun. KELLY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide for the erection of automobile warning signs near the Quincy Street School, Ward 15, where a number of serious accidents have happened in the past to school children.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION.

Coun. COX offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Willow street, from Railroad to Dunbar street, both sides, Ward 20, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Park street, Nos. 359 to 365, inclusive, Ward 17, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Coun. RUBY and BUSH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Blue Hill avenue, both sides, from Washington street to Harvard street, Wards 12 and 14, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Coun. NORTON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along River street, both sides, from Barry street to West Glenwood avenue, Ward 18, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet

in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Coun. DONOVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Maverick street, from 249 to 295 and 303 to 307, Ward 1, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

FENCES AT FANEUIL STATION.

Coun. GALLAGHER offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Council of Boston, acting as County County Commissioners, hereby requests the Department of Public Utilities to order the Boston and Albany Railroad to construct additional fences along its location in the vicinity of the Faneuil Station for the proper protection of the public.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

IMPROVEMENTS AT WORLD WAR MEMORIAL PARK.

Coun. DONOVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide for the construction of granolithic walks leading from the bridge to the bathhouse at World War Memorial Park, East Boston.

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide for the erection of a handball court at the World War Memorial Park, East Boston.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

PASSAGE OF LOAN ORDERS.

Coun. MURRAY—Mr. President, I move that we take up loan orders Nos. 6 to 15, inclusive, on the calendar, and vote on them together.

Coun. RUBY—I am going to ask, Mr. Chairman, that each of these orders be voted on separately.

Chairman BUSH—Objection being made, the Council will take up No. 6 on the calendar.

The Council took up, under unfinished business, No. 6 on the calendar, viz.:

6. Ordered, That under authority of chapter 306 of the Acts of 1930, the sum of \$2,500,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Board of Street Commissioners for Highways, Making of, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston to said amount, the same to be issued outside the limit of indebtedness.

The order was given its second and final reading and passage, yeas 21, nays 0.

On motion of Coun. MURRAY, the Council voted to take up, under unfinished business, No. 13 on the calendar, viz.:

13. Ordered, That under authority of chapter 248 of the Acts of 1929 the sum of \$500,000 be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Board of Street Commissioners for St. Ann street, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount, the same to be issued outside the limit of indebtedness.

No. 13 on the calendar was given its second and final reading and passage, yeas 20, nays—Coun. Wilson—1.

Coun. RUBY—Mr. President, I move now that we take up Nos. 7 to 15 on the calendar, and that they be voted on together.

The motion was carried and the roll was called on the passage of Nos. 7 to 15, inclusive, on the calendar (with the exception of No. 13, already passed), viz.:

7. Ordered, That under authority of chapter 305 of the Acts of 1930 the sum of \$2,000,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Commissioner of Public Works for Reconstruction of Streets, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston to said amount, the same to be issued outside the limit of indebtedness.

8. Ordered, That under authority of chapter 264 of the Acts of 1930 the sum of \$1,000,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Board of Street Commissioners for Summer and L Streets, Widening and Construction of, and that to meet said appropriations the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston to said amount, the same to be issued outside the limit of indebtedness.

9. Ordered, That under authority of chapter 304 of the Acts of 1930 the sum of \$500,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Commissioner of Public Works for Sewerage Works, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston to said amount, the same to be issued outside the limit of indebtedness.

10. Ordered, That the sum of \$75,000 be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commissioners for Playgrounds, Faneuil District, Brighton, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates on indebtedness of the city to said amounts.

11. Ordered, That the order passed by the City Council February 17, 1930, and approved by the Mayor February 19, 1930, for a loan of \$100,000 to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works for the resurfacing of Bunker Hill street, Ward 2, be, and the same hereby is, rescinded.

12. Ordered, That under authority of chapter 248 of the Acts of 1929 the sum of \$1,100,000 be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Board of Street Commissioners for Centre street, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount, the same to be issued outside the limit of indebtedness.

14. Ordered, That the sum of \$20,000 be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commission for the construction of a locker building at the Mary Hemenway Playground, Ward 16, and that to meet such expense the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, at the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to that amount.

15. Ordered, That the sum of \$30,000 be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commission for the purchase of additional shore property to sufficiently enlarge the bathing area at Tenean Beach, and for the necessary grading, sanding, etc., and that to meet such expense the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, at the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

On May 19, 1930, the foregoing orders were read once and passed, yeas 20, nays 0.

Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14 and 15, under unfinished business, on the calendar, were given their second and final reading and passage, yeas 20, nays—Coun. Wilson—1.

When Coun. Wilson's name was called, he said: Mr. President, I want to be recorded "No" on No. 12, and "Yes" on the rest.

Chairman BUSH—The Chair is sorry, but the councilor's vote cannot be divided in that way.

Coun. WILSON—Then, Mr. President, I will vote "No" and will then ask reconsideration of the entire vote.

After the announcement of the result, Coun. WILSON said:

Mr. President, I move reconsideration of the vote just taken and ask that No. 12 be voted on separately and the others in block, if required, and that the vote follow the executive session.

Reconsideration was declared lost.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I doubt the vote, and upon the question of the doubt I would like to make a statement, with unanimous consent.

Chairman BUSH—Does the Chair hear any objection? There being no objection, Councilor Wilson may proceed.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, my only purpose in requesting a split-up of the various loan orders is that otherwise I shall be deprived of the opportunity to remain true to the vote I have already taken in the past on the order which appears in No. 12 on the calendar. When the suggestion was made that all the orders be taken up together, I was otherwise engaged, and by voting upon the orders in block I would be denied an opportunity to vote against the order against which I voted last year, and upon which I desire my action to remain consistent. As a matter of principle, I am opposed, anyway, to voting in block on loan orders involving millions of dollars, although I do not object to saving time. But the principle is wrong. I certainly should like the privilege of recording my "no" vote this year on the order upon which I voted "no" last year. Therefore, I have made my motion to reconsider.

Coun. Wilson's motion to reconsider prevailed by a rising vote.

The question came on the passage of orders 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14 and 15.

The orders were given their second and final reading and passage, yeas 19, nays 0.

The question then came on the passage of No. 12 on the calendar.

No. 12 was given its second and final reading and passage, yeas 18, nays—Coun. Wilson—1.

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

Chairman BUSH called up No. 1 on the calendar, under unfinished business, as follows:

1. Action on appointment submitted by the Mayor May 26, 1930, of Beagio Caraballo, to be a Weigher of Coal, and Herman E. Titus, Joseph P. Redmond and Maurice G. Alperin, to be Weighers of Goods.

The question came on confirmation. Committee, Coun. Fitzgerald and Gallagher. Whole number of ballots 18, yeas 18, and the appointments were confirmed.

TRAFFIC REGULATION, FLOOD SQUARE.

Coun. LYNCH for Coun. Mahoney offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide for such traffic regulation at Flood square, Ward 6, as will relieve the present dangerous situation at this point.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPAVING OF SOUTH STREET.

Coun. MURRAY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving South street, from St. Ann to Washington street, Ward 19.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REMOVAL OF TREE AT EVERETT SQUARE.

Coun. NORTON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to remove or trim the nearly dead tree at Everett square, Ward 18, and plant grass.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

The Council voted, at 3.07 p. m., on motion of Coun. KELLY, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by Coun. BUSH at 3.37 p. m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. MAHONEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted reports, as follows:

1. Report on petitions (referred today) for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement, viz.: Elizabeth G. McNamee, at Elizabeth Peabody House, June 13; Ruth Hawes, Unitarian Parish Hall, June 7; Irene E. Hogan, Greenwood Hall, June, 9—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted under usual conditions.

2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) that Commissioner of Public Works be authorized to sell at public auction junk and old materials in Public Works Department valued at about \$2,200—that order ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

3. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) accepting chapter 394, being act providing for elimination of crossing at grade at Governor square,—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted and the question came on the passage of the order.

Coun. CURTIS—Mr. President, there has been agitation for years to remedy traffic conditions at Governor square. Not only has the congestion been bad for street traffic, motor vehicles and otherwise, but it has interfered with the whole operation of the subway. We all know the high cost of constructing modern subways, that it runs into many millions of dollars, and what can be more discouraging, when you have a fine improvement like the Boylston Street Subway, than to find the whole operation of it interfered with by street congestion at the exit of the subway? Day after day you can see crowds getting on subway trains at Park street, running out to Beacon street and Commonwealth avenue, and those trains getting stalled at Copley square or at points beyond. Instead of having the rapid transit we are entitled to in view of the large expenditure we have made, we find a procession of trolley cars one after the other tied up because they cannot get out of the subway exit at Governor square. Under the plan for the proposed improvement, not only will that condition be relieved, but we will find also another great improvement which will be welcomed in Boston. I notice from the plans that the exits and entrances of the subway are going to be at the side of the street and not in the middle of the square. In this city up to the present time we have frequently had subway exits and entrances placed out in the middle of streets or squares. Such is the case at Scollay square and at Harvard square. I don't think one sees that condition in other cities with similar traffic conditions. You would not expect to find a subway entrance or exit out in the middle of Broadway or at the corner of Fifth avenue and Forty-second street in New York. But here we too frequently have the entrances and exits out in the middle of a square or street, so that the public have to cross traffic in order to avail themselves of the subway accommodations. So I think there will be a great improvement in that respect, having the exits and entrances at the sides of the streets and not in the middle of the square. So I think we should back this order to the limit and be delighted that this troublesome question, which has caused confusion and doubt for years, has been finally settled. We should certainly congratulate the Mayor for the successful result of his activities in behalf of this great public improvement.

The report was accepted and the order passed.

CENSUS TABULATION.

Coun. DONOVAN offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council favors a retabulation of the United States census enumeration figures for Ward 1, and that a copy of this resolve be sent to Mr. Louis B. Sensale, Supervisor of the Census at Boston.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, my reason for introducing that resolution at this time is because I strenuously object to the census report as to the population of Ward 1, as submitted by Mr. Sensale's office. I was born in East Boston pretty nearly forty-one years ago. I have lived there all my life, and I know East Boston. East Boston, by virtue of the fact that it is geographically situated on an island, is a beautiful residential section; and, also, because of the tunnel coming there, it is attracting business men. The airport and other facilities afforded over there are also

attracting industry. We hear talk about the United Fruit lines coming there, and I wish to say this to Mr. Sensale, that business is building up over in East Boston and that the population is increasing. There is no retrogression in East Boston. As one vitally interested in the growth of East Boston, I strenuously object to the report that has been set out by Mr. Sensale. His report is nonsensical, in stating that people are leaving there. It is nonsensical in that respect, Mr. President, because they are doing nothing of the sort. One would think from reading the report that has been sent out, practically speaking, that we were exercising birth control over there. The fact is, however, that we have more school children in East Boston than in any other section of the city. Certainly, Mr. Sensale and his enumerators have failed to get at the facts. Last week, since my letter appeared in the newspapers, I received many calls on the telephone and word from different people that they had not seen enumerators, that they had not come to their house. If houses have been overlooked, possibly streets have been overlooked. I ask, therefore, that Mr. Sensale put his enumerators at work and retabulate the count in East Boston.

Coun. NORTON—Mr. President, I would like to offer an amendment, if the gentleman will accept it, that the whole city be included.

Coun. DONOVAN—Yes, Mr. President, I will accept the amendment.

Coun. NORTON—We feel also that our ward has suffered in the enumeration by Mr. Sensale and his employees. While we are credited with an increase of 9,000 in Ward 18 in the last decade, we have found, just resorting to our own amateurish efforts over one hundred people who were not listed by census takers. We feel, therefore, that instead of an increase of 9,000, the increase in the ward should be 10,000. Instead of having 43,000 inhabitants in Ward 18, we feel that we may very likely have 45,000. We feel that if an opportunity is given to have a complete check-up of our ward and of every ward in the City of Boston, Boston will take the place to which she is rightfully entitled among the cities of the country.

Coun. KELLY—Mr. President, before voting on this measure of Councilor Donovan, I want to say from what little investigating I have done in my ward, while the ward is credited with showing a slight increase, certain enumerators—for example,

those taking the census on Clayton street—have been telling people that that is Ward 13, Precinct 13, instead of Ward 15, Precinct 15. So I think Councilor Norton's amendment to include the whole city is well put. I think that these fellows who were employed—while it was very nice to see them get a day's pay, and so on—did not know their business.

Coun. Norton's amendment was adopted, and Coun. Donovan's resolution as amended was passed.

FIRE HOUSE, WARD 16.

Coun. FISH offered the following:

Ordered, That the sum of one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Fire Commissioner for the erection of a fire house in the vicinity of Neponset avenue and Victory road, Ward 16, and that to meet such expense the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, at request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

DRAINING OF SMITH'S POND PLAYGROUND.

Coun. NORTON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to have Smith's Pond Playground, Ward 18, properly drained.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

THE NEXT MEETING.

Coun. MAHONEY—Mr. President, I move that when the Council adjourn, it be to meet three weeks from today.

Coun. NORTON—Mr. President, I second that motion.

The motion was adopted, and the Council voted at 3.51 p. m. to adjourn, to meet on Monday, June 23, 1930, at 2 p. m.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Thursday, June 12, 1930.

Special meeting of the City Council, held in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, Boston, at one o'clock p. m., all the members present except Coun. Lynch and Wilson.

In the absence of President Lynch, Coun. Cox, senior member, presided.

Coun. McGRATH—Mr. President, on behalf

of President William G. Lynch, who, unfortunately, is not in Boston at this time, I introduce the following resolution:

Resolved, That the members of the City Council of Boston extend their sincere sympathy to his Honor Mayor Curley in the affliction he has suffered in the loss of a beloved wife and comrade, and to his daughter and sons for the deprivation of an ideal mother, whose devotion to her husband and family may well serve as an inspiration and example to all womanhood.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Coun. ARNOLD—Mr. President, as a further mark of respect to the late Mrs. Curley, I move that the Council now adjourn.

The motion was carried, and the Council stood adjourned, at 1.24 o'clock p. m.

CITY OF BOSTON

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, June 23, 1930.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President LYNCH in the chair. Absent, Coun. Dowd and Mahoney.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to the approval of the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments for the term ending April 30, 1931, viz.:

Constables: Frank Smith, 15 Wilcock street, Dorchester; William J. Cleary, 21 Tokio street, Hyde Park; John J. Lane, 1466 Blue Hill avenue, Hyde Park.

Severally laid over a week under the law.

ICE FOR PUBLIC DRINKING FOUNTAINS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 23, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—It is the custom each year to provide money for the purchase of ice for the public drinking fountains from the Reserve Fund. The accompanying order provides for the necessary authorization and I respectfully recommend its approval by your honorable body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be authorized to expend a sum not exceeding \$6,000 for the purpose of furnishing ice for the public drinking fountains during the summer season, said sum to be charged to the Reserve Fund.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

SALE OF OLD MATERIAL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 2, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you communication from the Fire Commissioner requesting the permission to sell at public auction approximately three tons of old lead cable and one ton of old iron, at an estimated value of \$500, which is approved by me.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be, and hereby is, authorized to sell at a public auction approximately three tons of old lead cable and one ton of old iron, in the possession of the Fire Department, valued at approximately \$500.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

POLICE BOAT "GUARDIAN."

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 23, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I beg to submit herewith communication received from the Police Commissioner, Eugene C. Hultman, recommending the sale of the police boat "Guardian" at an upset price of \$1,000.

At a recent auction an upset price of \$3,500 was sought by the city but no bids were received. I am of the opinion that the boat in question is

worth at least \$1,000 to some individual and I accordingly recommend the sale at public auction at an upset price of \$1,000.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Police Department,
Office of the Commissioner, June 12, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mayor Curley,—In compliance with the order of the City Council, approved by his Honor the Mayor on May 27, 1930, with reference to the disposition of the discarded police boat "Guardian" at public auction at an upset price of \$3,500, a duly advertised public auction sale, under the direction of Municipal Auctioneer Edward W. Foye, was conducted on June 10, 1930, at eleven o'clock a. m.

There were no bids received, consequently there was no sale.

I would respectfully request therefore that you recommend to the City Council the passage of an order authorizing the private sale of this boat as junk at an upset price of \$1,000.

Sincerely yours,
E. C. HULTMAN,
Police Commissioner.

Ordered, That the Police Commissioner be, and hereby is, authorized to sell at a duly advertised public auction, at an upset price of \$1,000, the police boat "Guardian."

Referred to the Executive Committee.

MORTON STREET PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 2, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I beg to forward herewith report of the Building Department with reference to condition of walls and pergolas at Morton Street Playground, Ward 3, the same being in response to an order adopted by your honorable body recently.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Building Department, June 2, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—Please find inclosed a report of the examination of the construction and materials of the walls and pillars at the Morton Street Playground, Ward 3, which has been requested by the City Council on motion of Councilor Fitzgerald.

Yours respectfully,
EDWARD W. ROEMER,
Building Commissioner.

City of Boston,
Building Department, June 2, 1930.
Edward W. Roemer, Building Commissioner, 901
City Hall Annex, Boston.

Sir,—In accordance with your orders I made an examination on May 29, 1930, of the present condition of the walls and the remaining pergolas at the Morton Street Playground, Ward 3, and compared the structure with plans submitted by the Park Department, and report as follows:

The cantilevered pergola capping that remained on the walls on the northerly side of Morton street has been removed with the exception of the brackets under the chimneys of the adjoining buildings. I am informed by Mr. Murphy, the engineer of the Park Department, that these brackets are to be removed and the chimneys bricked up to the present wall cap.

The brick buttresses in the wall are in fairly good condition. Possibly four or five of them are a little out of plumb, the worst condition being a leaning of about two inches towards the playground. The concrete panels between these buttresses show settlement cracks, but in my opinion these are not serious.

There is one bad crack clear through the wall in one of the panels in that portion of the wall where the top fell. This panel should be recapped and the entire wall gone over and repaired and pointed, especially on the top where the walls abut the adjoining buildings.

I would recommend that the pergolas on the southerly side of Morton street, because of the deflection of the concrete rafters and the loose concrete planks on the top of them, be removed and that the remaining walls be repaired and pointed as suggested for the the wall on the other side.

General repairs on the other buildings and the toilets should be made.

In comparing the present structures with plans submitted by the Park Department I find that, barring a few slight variations in dimensions, the structures were built according to plans, except that the anchor bolts were not placed in walls and piers as shown on plans and that the dowels in the concrete planks holding them to the concrete rafters were omitted.

I would also say that owing to horizontal joints showing in the walls it would appear that proper care was not taken in the pouring of the concrete walls.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH E. CAHILL,
Supervisor of Construction.

Placed on file.

TYLER STREET PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 2, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I beg to forward herewith report of the Building Department with reference to condition of pillars and walls at the Tyler Street Playground, Ward 3, the same being in response to an order adopted by your honorable body recently.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Building Department, June 2, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—Please find inclosed a report of the examination of the pillars supporting the wall at the Tyler Street playground, Ward 3, which has been requested by the City Council on motion of Councilor Fitzgerald.

Yours respectfully,
EDWARD W. ROEMER,
Building Commissioner.

Boston, June 2, 1930.

Edward W. Roemer, Building Commissioner,
901 City Hall Annex, Boston.

Sir,—By your order I made an examination on May 29, 1930, of the condition of the shelter at the Tyler Street Playground, Ward 3, and submit the following report thereon:

At the rear of the playground is a concrete wall 24 feet high from the level of the yard on Hudson street. About 7 feet of this wall acts as a retaining wall for the Tyler Street Playground. The remaining 17 feet of the wall forms the rear bearing wall for a shelter which extends about 7½ feet over all into the playground. The front of this shelter is supported on concrete columns 18 inches in diameter with a 10-inch by 12-inch beam acting as a plate. The rafters are 4 inches by 12 inches, about 20 inches on centers and cantilever over the plate about 3½ feet. The roof is of 1½-inch plank covered with metal. The columns are 4 feet from the rear wall and rest on a continuous concrete base. There are twelve of these columns and the structure is about 138 feet in length.

This rear wall is a pilaster wall with 12-inch by 24-inch pilasters about 12½ feet on centers with panels 8 inches thick. The wall is capped terra cotta wall capping 12 inches in length.

In the southwesterly end of the playground there is another shelter of the "pergola" type about 16 feet in depth and 60 feet front. The roof rafters are 6-inch I-beams resting on a 10-inch by 12-inch concrete plate which is in turn supported by four 20-inch square columns and 12 round columns 18 inches in diameter, with a span of about 10 feet on centers. The span of the I-beam rafters is about 11 feet, 20 inches on centers. Directly over the supporting plate and at right angles to the rafters is a false beam or parapet 2 feet wide and 18½ inches high. This apparently is built of angle iron frame and covered with

metal lath and cement plaster. There are two of these beams, one at the front and the other at the rear.

Between these two beams there are three concrete planks 2 inches thick and 12 inches wide supported by 1-inch by 1-inch angles running transversely to the rafters. The rafters cantilever over the face of the plate about 2½ feet and are tied by 2-inch by 2-inch angle. One end of this structure overhangs Tyler street about 18 inches.

At the back of this shelter is a wall up against the adjoining buildings 6 inches in thickness and about 14 feet high. It is a question whether this is on concrete or wire lath and cement plaster on angle iron.

There is an arch over the Tyler street entrance to the playground supported by two 24-inch by 24-inch concrete columns. The arch is of the pergola type and is built of wood covered with wire lath and cement plaster capped with terra cotta roof tile.

The iron fence on Tyler street is in poor condition and should be straightened up and painted.

I recommend that the structure at the southwesterly end of the yard be removed; it is in bad condition. Ten of the twelve round concrete columns are cracked and shattered; the rafters are rusted and scaled and are deteriorated to such an extent that their value is questionable. The concrete plank and supporting angles on top of the rafters are in an unsafe condition, some of them being almost entirely disintegrated.

With the exception of minor repairs to the capping and the flashing between the roof and the wall the shelter at the rear of the yard is apparently in good condition.

The arch over the Tyler street entrance to the yard should be repaired.

The gate leading from the abandoned school yard on Hudson street should be made fast as there are several bad holes in the brick pavement, one of which, near the cistern in the school yard, is especially bad.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH E. CAHILL,
Supervisor of Construction.

Placed on file.

VETO—ST. ANN STREET WIDENING.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 14, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I beg to return herewith, without my approval, the order adopted by your honorable body under date of June 2, 1930, providing an expenditure in the sum of \$500,000 for the laying out and construction of St. Ann street, in conformity to the provisions of chapter 248, of the Acts of 1929.

In my opinion, after consultation with competent authority and a most careful investigation, the amount necessary for this improvement is so far in excess of possible benefits that will result to the municipality that there is no way in which to justify approval.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

VETO—TENEAN BEACH LOAN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 3, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I beg to return herewith, without my approval, order adopted by your honorable body providing for an expenditure in the sum of \$30,000 for the enlargement of bathing area at Tenean Beach.

This improvement, in my opinion, is one that can very well be considered by the Park Commission in the compilation of their program for park improvements to be provided for in 1931, and in the event that it is included, I shall be most pleased to approve the same.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

VETO—HEMENWAY PLAYGROUND LOAN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 3, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I beg to return herewith, without my approval, order adopted by your honorable body providing for the expenditure in the sum of \$20,000 for the improvement of locker building at the Mary Hemenway Playground, Ward 16.

I have requested the Park Commission to make a study of the requirements of the various playgrounds throughout the city and to submit to me for consideration in January, 1931, a budget setting forth the requirements and, provided this particular improvement is in the opinion of the Park Commission deemed desirable and necessary, I shall be most pleased to include the same.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

CHARLESTOWN CAR SERVICE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 2, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I beg to forward herewith report of the Boston Elevated Railway Public Trustees with reference to order adopted by your honorable body under date of May 12, 1930.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Boston Elevated Railway,
Boston, May 26, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—In reply to your letter of the 19th I beg to advise that the Board of Trustees have directed me to present a copy of the actual figures of traffic and number of cars operated on the Charlestown lines, which indicate a total of from ten to eleven thousand seats provided for a passenger offering of from five to six thousand. Under the circumstances of operating adequate service, but not in excess of that in order to avoid any possibility of a deficit, they believe that these figures speak for themselves.

Yours very truly,
EDWARD DANA,
General Manager.

(Inclosed were the figures referred to.)
Placed on file.

RESIGNATION OF JOSEPH S. TIESO.

Notice was received from the Mayor of resignation as constable of Joseph S. Tieso, 67 Cedar street, Mattapan.

Placed on file.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS PAY ROLL.

The pay roll of the Registry of Deeds from May 19 to June 14, piece-work, and June 19 to June 30, regular employees, both inclusive, to the amount of \$8,543.67, was received and approved.

ASSESSED VALUE OF PROPERTY IN DORCHESTER.

The following was received:

City of Boston, Office of the Mayor, June 2, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Edward T. Kelly, chairman of the Board of Assessors, with reference to the assessed value of property in Dorchester. This is in reply to your order of May 19.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston, Assessing Department, June 2, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—Replying to your letter of May 22, requesting information relative to dwelling houses in Dorchester, for the years 1920, 1926 and 1929 (1930 not being yet available), I beg to submit the following data:

(a.) How many dwelling houses were assessed in each of the Dorchester wards?

1920.		1926.		1929.	
WARD.	Dwellings.	Ward.	Dwellings.	Ward.	Dwellings.
11.....	1,888	7.....	942	7.....	957
17.....	2,783	13.....	2,949	13.....	2,982
18.....	2,718	14.....	4,105	14.....	4,342
19.....	3,015	15.....	2,320	15.....	2,792
20.....	3,423	16.....	3,504	16.....	3,911
21.....	3,411	17.....	3,375	17.....	3,812
24.....	491	18.....	996	18.....	1,257
	17,729		18,191		20,053

(b.) How many buildings other than dwelling houses were assessed in each of the Dorchester wards?

1920.		1926.		1929.	
WARD.	Buildings.	Ward.	Buildings.	Ward.	Buildings.
11.....	336	7.....	162	7.....	562
17.....	151	13.....	221	13.....	774
18.....	143	14.....	949	14.....	1,203
19.....	301	15.....	85	15.....	1,224
20.....	670	16.....	1,000	16.....	1,501
21.....	407	17.....	1,063	17.....	1,234
24.....	49	18.....	324	18.....	362
	2,057		3,804		6,860

(c.) What was the total assessed value of real estate in each of the Dorchester wards?

1920.		1926.		1929.	
Ward.	Real.	Ward.	Real.	Ward.	Real.
11.....	\$15,236,400	7.....	* \$11,795,000	7.....	\$11,643,600
17.....	19,413,500	13.....	24,081,000	13.....	25,537,500
18.....	18,306,900	14.....	42,538,800	14.....	49,637,100
19.....	23,323,800	15.....	20,537,500	15.....	22,313,300
20.....	23,352,100	16.....	28,358,500	16.....	33,032,400
21.....	25,061,600	17.....	29,196,400	17.....	34,638,400
24.....	2,745,000	18.....	† 8,529,200	18.....	† 10,767,600
	\$127,430,300		\$165,036,400		\$187,569,900

* Contains one book (D), Old Dorchester.

† Contains two books (A-B), Dorchester.

(d.) What was the total assessed personal property in each of the Dorchester wards?

1920..		1926.		1929.	
Ward.	Personal.	Ward.	Personal.	Ward.	Personal.
11.....	\$814,500	7.....	* \$539,400	7.....	* \$175,500
17.....	1,039,400	13.....	1,165,900	13.....	424,100
18.....	989,900	14.....	1,963,300	14.....	538,300
19.....	2,612,800	15.....	1,072,700	15.....	382,700
20.....	1,457,500	16.....	1,599,100	16.....	634,300
21.....	2,022,600	17.....	2,471,600	17.....	1,474,000
24.....	283,800	18.....	† 879,900	18.....	† 170,400
	\$9,220,500		\$9,691,900		\$3,799,300

* Contains one book (D), Old Dorchester.

† Contains two books (A-B), Dorchester.

The above figures are prepared as accurately as possible, recognizing the fact that the division of the ward lines, especially Wards 7 and 18, includes part of the city other than Dorchester; but the figures have been arrived at by taking that portion of the wards which, as nearly as possible, coincide with the old Dorchester lines.

Respectfully,

EDWARD T. KELLY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

REPORT ON BRIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 23, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Louis K. Rourke, Superintendent of School Buildings, relative to your request for an investigation of the new Brighton High School. This is in reply to your order of May 26, 1930.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Department of School Buildings,
June 16, 1923.

Hon James M Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the following order of the City Council:

"Ordered, That the Superintendent of School Buildings be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to report to the City Council the amount of money which is to be further expended on the new Brighton High School, and what defects, if any, exist in the present structure."

I attach herewith a financial statement showing the total estimated expenditures for the completion of the new Brighton High School, and also the total estimated cost of same.

On May 10 I made a personal inspection of this school and found some minor defects, which, of course, will be remedied before the school is opened. The contractor, before receiving his final payment, must furnish a maintenance bond of \$5,000 for two years, and guarantee the roof for twenty years.

Respectfully yours,

L. K. ROURKE,
Superintendent.

(Appended were the figures referred to.)
Placed on file.

ENTRANCE TO FIELDS CORNER STATION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 23, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Edward Dana, General Manager of the Boston Elevated Railway, regarding the establishment of an entrance from Dorchester avenue to the Fields Corner Station of the Dorchester Rapid Transit. This is in reply to your order of May 19, 1930.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Boston Elevated Railway,
June 10, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—The trustees have considered the request of the Boston City Council received with your letter of May 22 for the establishment of an entrance from Dorchester avenue to the Fields Corner Station of the Dorchester Rapid Transit and have instructed me to advise you as follows:

An entrance cannot readily be provided from Dorchester avenue to the Fields Corner Station. It would involve either a stairway leading to an elevated walk at approximately the track level or an underground passageway. The stairway and walk is estimated to cost \$15,000. It would, of course, present an undesirable appearance. Effort has been made to make the location as attractive as possible. The space between the trolley track and the wall supporting the rapid transit tracks is now grassed over and planted with shrubs and there is ivy on the wall. The distance from a point at the foot of the stairs which would be located on Dorchester avenue to the first car of an inbound train by means of such an overhead walk would be 420 feet as compared with 680 feet from the same point by way of Faulkner street and present entrance to the station.

An underground passageway is estimated to cost approximately \$20,000 and the distance from the top of stairs in Dorchester avenue to the first car of an inbound train would be approximately 540 feet as compared with 700 feet from the same point in Dorchester avenue by way of Faulkner street and present entrance to the station.

Under these circumstances the trustees do not feel that the expense of providing an entrance to the station from Dorchester avenue can be justified.

Very truly yours,
EDWARD DANA,
General Manager.

Placed on file.

HANDBALL COURT, WORLD WAR MEMORIAL PARK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 23, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, relative to your request for a handball court at World War Memorial Park. This is in reply to your order of June 2, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, June 10, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I have your order from the City Council that the Park Commission be requested to provide for the erection of a handball court at World War Memorial Park, East Boston.

In reply I regret exceedingly to inform you that the Board of Park Commissioners does not deem it advisable to build any out-door handball courts, for sanitary reasons.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG,
Chairman.

Placed on file.

CONDITIONS AT COLUMBUS SQUARE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 23, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, relative to conditions at Columbus Square. This is in reply to your order of May 12, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, June 14, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—In reply to order from the City Council that the present unsightly conditions at Columbus Square be remedied by the planting of shrubbery and grass, I desire to say that the place is grassed at the present time and has been for a number of years. It is no place for shrubbery on account of traffic conditions. Yearly there is a large case of flowers placed in the center of this square which remains there as long as the residents will allow it to.

It is the intention to place a large case there as soon as the department can get to it.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG,
Chairman.

Placed on file.

FIRE EQUIPMENT IN DORCHESTER DISTRICT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 23, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Hon. Edward F. McLaughlin, Fire Com-

missioner, with reference to the fire equipment in the Dorchester district. This is in reply to your order of May 19, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Fire Department, June 9, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I return herewith the following order passed by the City Council on May 19, 1930: Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner through his Honor the Mayor be, and said Commissioner hereby is, respectfully requested to furnish the following information to the City Council forthwith, giving the information

- (1.) As of April 1, 1920.
- (2.) As of April 1, 1926.
- (3.) As of April 1, 1930, namely on said date:

(a.) What was the location of each fire house in the Dorchester district?

(b.) How many pieces of fire apparatus were at each house?

(c.) How many men were regularly stationed at each fire house above listed?

In City Council May 19, 1930. Passed.

Attest:
W. J. DOYLE,
City Clerk.

I submit the following table showing the locations of fire houses in Dorchester on April 1 of 1920, 1926 and 1930:

Engine 21, Columbia road and Annabel street, same in 1920, 1926 and 1930.

Ward 14:

Engine 52, 120 Callender street, same in 1920, 1926 and 1930.

Ladder 29, 120 Callender street, same in 1920, 1926 and 1930.

Ladder 23, 46 Washington street, same in 1920, 1926 and 1930.

Ward 15:

Engine 17, Parish street, same in 1920, 1926 and 1930.

Ladder 7, Parish street, same in 1920, 1926 and 1930.

Ward 16:

Engine 20, 32 Walnut street, same in 1920, 1926 and 1930.

Ladder 27, 32 Walnut street, same in 1920, 1926 and 1930.

Engine 46, 1884 Dorchester avenue, same in 1920, 1926 and 1930.

Ward 17:

Engine 16, 2 Temple street, same in 1920, 1926 and 1930.

Engine 18, 30 Harvard street, same in 1920, 1926 and 1930.

Ladder 6, 45 River street, same in 1920, 1926 and 1930.

In answer to the question in regard to the number of pieces of fire apparatus which were located at each house on April 1 of 1920, 1926 and 1930, I submit the following:

Engine 52 was equipped with one 750-gallon triple combination pump and hose in 1920, 1926 and 1930.

Ladder 29 was equipped with one city service truck in 1920, 1926 and 1930.

Ladder 23 was equipped with one horse-drawn city service truck in 1920 which was replaced by a motor-driven city service truck in 1923. This truck was replaced by an 85-foot aerial truck, type 17-4 wheel tractor in 1926, which is still in service.

Engine 17 was equipped with Christie tractor steam fire engine in 1920, which was replaced by a 750-gallon combination pump and hose in 1923, which was still in service in 1926 and 1930. Engine 17 was equipped with a combination chemical and hose wagon in 1920, this being replaced by a new hose wagon in August, 1928, which is still in service.

Ladder 7 was equipped with a motor city service truck which was in service from 1920 to 1926 and in October, 1929, was replaced by an 85-foot aerial truck, type 17-4 wheel tractor which is still in service.

Engine 20 was equipped with a horse-drawn steam engine in 1920. This was replaced in 1921 by a combination pump and hose wagon which is still in service, running as a single unit company until October, 1928, when a combination hose and chemical wagon was installed and both pieces are still in service.

Ladder 27 was equipped with one horse-drawn city service truck in 1920 which was replaced by type 14 motor truck in 1923 which is still in service.

Engine 46 was equipped with a Christie tractor steam engine in 1920 which was replaced by one 750-gallon combination pump and hose wagon in 1924. This is still in service. Engine 46 was equipped with motor combination hose and chemical wagon in 1920, 1926 and 1930.

Engine 16 was equipped with a horse-drawn steam engine in 1920, which was replaced by a 750-gallon combination hose and pump in 1921. This was replaced by a triple combination in January, 1928, which is still in service. This company is a single unit.

Engine 18 was equipped with a horse-drawn steam engine in 1920, which was replaced by a 750-gallon combination pump and hose wagon in October, 1921, as a single unit company. A combination hose and chemical wagon was placed in service in October, 1922, making a two-unit company.

Ladder 6 was equipped with a Christie tractor city service truck in 1920. In May, 1926, this was replaced by a type 14 city service truck which is still in service.

Note.—Ward lines have been changed between 1920 and 1930.

The following table gives the number of men attached to the various companies in Dorchester on April 1, 1920, 1926 and 1930:

COMPANY.	1920.	1926.	1930.
Engine 16.....	14	12	12
Engine 17.....	13	16	19
Engine 18.....	17	18	16
Engine 20.....	13	12	13
Engine 21.....	14	17	17
Engine 46.....	15	18	17
Engine 52, established Decem- ber 19, 1921.....		13	12
Ladder 6.....	10	12	12
Ladder 7.....	11	13	14
Ladder 23.....	9	19	18
Ladder 27.....	9	12	12
Ladder 29.....	10	12	12
Chemical 5.....	8		
Chemical 11.....	7		
Total.....	150	174	174

Chemical 5 was with Ladder 23, Chemical 11 was with Ladder 29.

Yours very truly,
EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN,
Fire Commissioner.

Placed on file.

POLICE AMBULANCE, STATION 13.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor June 23, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Hon. Eugene C. Hultman, Police Commissioner, regarding your request for a police ambulance from Station 13. This is in reply to your order of May 19, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Police Department,
Office of the Commissioner, June 3, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor,—Replying to your letter of May 22, with which you inclosed an order of the City Council providing that Station 13, Jamaica Plain, be covered with police ambulance service, I would say that I have obtained a report from Captain Mosher of Division 13 relative to this matter and I am sending you herewith copies of the same.

I am also returning the order inclosed with your letter. A copy has been kept for our files.

Very truly yours,
E. C. HULTMAN,
Police Commissioner.

City of Boston,
Police Department,
Police Station No. 13, May 29, 1930.
To the Superintendent.

Sir,—In compliance with your order of the 24th inst., in reference to the order adopted by the

City Council, to provide Station 13, Jamaica Plain, with police ambulance service, I respectfully submit the following report.

A total of 103 ambulance service calls were handled by this division from May 1, 1929, to May 29, 1930.

The combination patrol and ambulance wagon assigned to this station is being used for both services. Whenever a call is received for either ambulance or patrol service and the wagon happens to be out on a call, another station is immediately notified with request to render service.

In order to facilitate proper control of both services, an additional two patrolmen would be required for duty.

The present structural frontage of the station garage prohibits the free entry or exit of another vehicle. There are at present two entries to the garage, one of which is being used as an exit for the patrol wagon, and the other for the Boston Police Department, Plymouth sedan.

Respectfully submitted,
JEREMIAH N. MOSHER,

Captain, Commanding Division 13.

Placed on file.

GRANOLITHIC WALKS, WORLD WAR MEMORIAL PARK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 23, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, regarding your request for granolithic walks at World War Memorial Park. This is in reply to your order of June 2, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, June 10, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I have your Council order that the Park Commission be requested to provide for the construction of granolithic walks leading from the bridge to the bath house at World War Memorial Park, East Boston.

I regret exceedingly to inform you the Park Department has no funds available for this purpose. The cost of construction would be as follows:

Granolithic walk.....	\$12,500
Grading, etc.....	2,500
Total.....	<u>\$15,000</u>

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG,
Chairman.

Placed on file.

CONDITIONS AT EVERETT SQUARE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 23, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, regarding conditions at Everett Square. This is in reply to your order of June 2, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, June 10, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—In reply to your Council Order that the Park Commission be requested to remove or trim dead tree and plant grass at Everett Square, Ward 18.

This area does not come under the jurisdiction of the Park Department. I will, however, have the tree removed immediately and grass seed put in the area.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG,
Chairman.

Placed on file.

SMITH'S POND PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 23, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, regarding your request to have Smith's Pond playground properly drained. This is in reply to your order of June 2, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, June 10, 1930.
Hon James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—In answer to Council order that Smith's Pond Playground be properly drained, I desire to say when this area was taken over as a playground, \$30,000 was spent for drainage and grading.

In order to properly drain this area it would require a 3-foot fill, the cost of which is prohibitive. Each year after the skating season, this playground is of course in an unfit condition to use for a short period and there is a settlement each year which is repaired by this department. At the present time the playground is in good condition with the exception of one corner which will be cared for immediately.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

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PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and severally referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Acme Novelty Company, for compensation for damage to property at 76 Summer street, caused by broken water main.

Atlantic National Bank, for compensation for damage to property at 83 Summer street, caused by high pressure service from street.

Eva M. Bartlett, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Dartmouth Street Bridge.

Joseph Bereznik, for compensation for damage to property at 281 North Beacon street, caused by backing up of sewage.

Lawrence L. Brennan, for compensation for damage to clothes caused by oil on Warren street.

Michael J. Bresnahan, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in West Boston Bridge.

Rev. Dennis W. Brown, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Ellen M. Condon, for compensation for damage to property at 5 Thurston street, caused by defective sewer.

Mrs. Lucy DeLeo, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 333 Washington street.

Frank J. Donovan, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in John Winthrop Playground.

John J. Ellis, for compensation for damage to boat at L street fire.

Seamon Finkelstein, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at 1077-1081 Columbus avenue.

Michael Fiorello, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Chelsea and Grove streets.

Mrs. C. Fitzgerald, for compensation for damage to clothing caused by an alleged defect in Boylston Street Mall.

Thomas J. Fitzgerald, for compensation for damage to property at L street fire.

Mary Handy, for compensation for collapse of water boiler at 14 Brahms street, caused by water shut off.

Mary C. Havey, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Bowdoin street.

Harriett Hewitt, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Stuart and Washington streets.

Elias Hirshon, for compensation for damage to property at 834 Morton street, caused by backing up of sewage.

Edward H. Kilday, to be reimbursed for execution against him on account of his acts as a fireman.

Elizabeth Lafayette, for compensation for damage to water boiler at 381 Bunker Hill street, caused by water shut off.

Mrs. E. B. Lewis, for compensation for damage to clothing by street sprinkler.

Carl A. Lindquist, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Delia Lombardi, for refund on victualler's license.

Allen Long, for compensation for damage to car on Chelsea Street Bridge.

Abraham Lurensky, for refund on taxes.

Mrs. Mary McCarthy, for compensation for damage to property at 42 Moulton street, caused by leak in water pipe.

George H. McGinnis, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in River street.

Mexican Petroleum Corporation, for compensation for damage to boat by ferry boat.

David C. Moroney, for compensation for damage to property at 174 Church street, while putting in sewer.

Dennis F. Murphy, for compensation for damage to car by city cart.

James A. Nash, for compensation for damage to car by city team.

M. C. O'Neill, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Joseph Palmer, for refund on unused refuse tickets.

Irene M. Powers, for compensation for damage to car on Strandway.

Edward W. Quirk, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Village street.

Samuel Ring, for compensation for injuries caused by falling tree.

Mrs. Marie E. Rock, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 58 Clifford street.

Josephine F. Russell, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at 335 Huntington avenue.

John Simmons, for compensation for injuries received on Savin Hill Beach.

William Siskend, for compensation for damage to car by city team.

Samuel Smith, M. D., for compensation for professional services rendered to inmate of Deer Island.

Miss Ann L. Sullivan, for damage to car by city truck.

Salvatore Tabbi, for compensation for damage to property at 77 Princeton street, caused by falling tree.

Tailby-Nason Company, for refund on refuse tickets.

Charles H. Traiser, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Augustine P. Turnbull, for compensation for loss of property at L street fire.

Mrs. Marie Uthoff, for compensation for damage to property at 30 Lexington avenue, caused by backing up of sewage.

Hilda Webber, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Wilmore street and Blue Hill avenue.

Frank J. Dwyer, for compensation for loss of clothing at L street fire.

Patrick H. Clancy, for compensation for loss of clothing at L street fire.

Frederick A. Lynch, for loss of clothing at L street fire.

Richard L. McHugh, for loss of clothing at L street fire.

William T. O'Neil, for loss of clothing at L street fire.

Executive.

Petitions for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement, viz.:

Ellen F. Carney, East Boston High School, June 30.

Kathryn J. Brymer, Unitarian Parish House, June 20.

Lester P. Gould, Greenwood Community Hall, June 23.

Florence E. Dolan, Roslindale Municipal Building, June 20.

George A. Gilman, Washington Irving Hall, June 4, 5 and 6.

Edna V. Sheehan, Huntington Chambers, June 12.

Herman Sulzen, Steinert Hall, June 25.

SALE OF UNCLAIMED BAGGAGE.

A petition was received from the Boston and Maine Railroad, for authority for sale of unclaimed baggage.

Referred to the Committee on Unclaimed Baggage.

COMPENSATION OF ALBERT J. SARGENT.

A communication was received from Chief Justice Wilfred Bolster fixing the compensation of Albert J. Sargent, chief probation officer, at \$6,000 per annum, effective July 1, 1930, subject to approval by County Commissioners.

Referred to the Committee on County Accounts.

CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The bonds of the following named constables, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, were received, viz.: John J. Leventhal, John H. Burke, Walter S. Milliken, John F. Welch, Thomas F. Brett, George W. Bloomberg, John J. Bavis, John J. Miller.

Approved by the Council.

ACCEPTANCE OF GOVERNOR SQUARE ACT.

Notice was received from the Boston Elevated Railway, acting by its Board of Directors, of acceptance of chapter 394 of the Acts of 1930, providing for the elimination of the crossing at grade at Governor square.

Placed on file.

RETIREMENT OF JOSEPH H. KEEN.

Notice was received from Albert F. Hayden, Justice of the Municipal Court of the Roxbury District, of the retirement of Joseph H. Keen, probation officer of said court.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT OF PROBATION OFFICER, ROXBURY COURT.

Notice was received from Justice Albert F. Hayden of the Roxbury Municipal Court of appointment of Thomas F. Teehan as chief probation officer of said court, at an annual salary of \$3,500, to take effect July 1, 1930, to fill vacancy caused by retirement of Joseph H. Keen.

Placed on file.

NOTICE OF HEARING.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Works of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of hearing to be given June 18 on application of Boston Fish Market Corporation for license to build and maintain three timber slip piers at Commonwealth Pier No. 6, known as Fish Pier, at South Boston.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM M. McMORROW.

Notice was received of the appointment by the Mayor of William M. McMorrow, 96 Dunster road, Jamaica Plain, to be City Collector, for term ending April 30, 1934, effective June 6, 1930.

Placed on file.

TRACK LOCATION FOR NEW YORK, NEW HAVEN & HARTFORD RAILROAD.

Notice was received from the Board of Street Commissioners of track location granted the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad across east end of Gainsborough street, Boston.

Placed on file.

LOCATIONS TO BOSTON ELEVATED RAILWAY.

Notices were received from the Board of Street Commissioners of locations to Boston Elevated Railway as follows:

Seventy-third location, single track curve in Eagle street, East Boston.

Seventy-fourth location, right-hand crossover on Huntington avenue, between Irvington and Garrison streets.

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ORGANIZATION OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

Notice was received from the Library Trustees of organization of Board by election of Frank W. Buxton as president, Rt. Rev. Mgr. Arthur T. Connolly, vice president, and Della Jean Deery, clerk.

Placed on file.

COMMITTEE ON SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Coun. KELLY, for Coun. Mahoney, for the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, submitted report recommending passage of order for payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the City of Boston for the month of June, 1930.

Report accepted; said order passed.

COMMITTEE ON JITNEY LICENSES.

Coun. MURRAY, for the Committee on Nitney Licenses, submitted report on petition (referred May 26) of Boston Elevated Railway to operate motor vehicles between Washington street and Massachusetts avenue and St. James avenue and Arlington street.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, this being another intown jitney bus line, may I inquire of the chairman of the Committee on Jitneys whether it replaces an existing line or whether it is a new line on our already overcrowded streets?

Coun. MURRAY—Mr. President, the councilor in whose district it is located might be better informed and able to answer the gentleman than I am.

Coun. ARNOLD—Mr. President, I am pleased to rise at this time to try to answer the interrogation of the gentleman who has just returned from Canada and say to him that this bus line was asked for by the Elevated at my request and the petition of many residents of the Columbus avenue and South End district between the railroad and Tremont street. There was practically no service of any sort since the tracks have been removed and the streets have been resurfaced. Several times I have had a bus put on there, but it has only remained temporarily. It is the same line augmented so that the service will be at more frequent intervals, and I trust is a betterment of the transportation facilities of this particular district.

President LYNCH—Does that information satisfy the councilor?

Coun. WILSON—I thought that was very nicely given.

Report accepted; said license granted on usual conditions.

ACCEPTANCE OF CHAPTER 415.

Coun. FITZGERALD offered the following:

Ordered, That chapter 415 of the Acts of 1930, entitled, "An Act Establishing the Salaries of the Chief Justice and the Associate Justices of the Municipal Court of the City of Boston" be, and the same hereby is, accepted.

Referred to the Committee on County Accounts.

IMPROVEMENTS AT WORLD WAR MEMORIAL PARK.

Coun. DONOVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to send to the City Council an order for an appropriation of ten thousand dollars, to be expended under the direction of the Park Department for the installation of electric current and other improvements at World War Memorial Park, Ward 1.

Coun. DONOVAN—Despite the fact, Mr. President, that we have a new bath house at Memorial Park and a new bathing beach, there is something amiss. Evidently in the construction of the building they forgot to put in electric lights. At the present time, Mr. President, it will entail an expenditure of \$6,500 on the part of the city to have the Edison Company install service there. It was with that thought in mind, that the people may have lighting facilities when they dress, that I introduced this order.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PLAYGROUND, WARD 17.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the sum of five thousand dollars be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Park Commissioners for the purchase of land for playground purposes in the vicinity of Dunbar avenue, Ward 17, Dorchester, and for the construction of said playground, and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be, and he, hereby is, authorized to issue, from time to time, upon request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston to said amount.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I would say in explanation of that order, just before asking for the passage of the same on its first reading under a suspension of the rules, that the original order for the construction of this playground, as a result of the unanimous report of former Mayor Nichols' committee, was passed in November, 1929, as I remember it, and signed by Mayor Nichols, for the sum of around \$21,000. Under the new administration it became evident that because of an increased assessment, although in my opinion it still is under-assessed, there is not a sufficient amount to allow for the assessed value, plus the quarter, plus the one half, which under the law must be voted for construction purposes where a playground is purchased, or where land for a playground is purchased and the construction is to be made. And Mayor Nichols being committed to this, the former Special Committee on Playgrounds being committed to it, the present Mayor having signed a loan order and being committed to it, and the Council having been kind enough to already pass loan orders with reference to this playground, which is now being held up merely because of \$5,000, I would respectfully request that it receive a first reading today under a suspension of the rules.

The rules were suspended and the order was passed at its first reading, yeas 20, nays 0.

ORDINANCE PROHIBITING CERTAIN UNNECESSARY NOISES.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

An Ordinance Prohibiting Certain Unnecessary Noises.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section 1. No person owning or having the care, custody or possession of any musical instrument, radio set, phonograph, victrola or other machine or device for producing or reproducing sound shall operate or use or permit to be operated or used such machine or device in such a manner as to disturb the peace and comfort of the neighboring inhabitants, or at any time with louder volume than is necessary for convenient hearing for the person or persons who are in the room or chamber in which such machine or device is operated and who are voluntary listeners thereto. The operation of any such machine or device between the hours of eleven o'clock p. m. and seven o'clock a. m. in such a manner as to be plainly audible at a distance of fifty feet from the building or structure in which it is located shall be a violation of this ordinance *prima facie*. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to prohibit playing by a band or orchestra in a hall, building or in the open air, but this exception shall not apply to a reproduction of such playing by any machine or device.

Section 2. Any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars for each offence, and not only the person actually

doing the prohibited thing but also his employer and every other person concerned in so doing, shall be subject to such penalty.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I would say with reference to that proposed ordinance that I believe the time has finally come when some reasonable restraint should be put on the present indiscriminate use of loud speakers on radios, not only in mercantile districts but in the residential districts of the City of Boston. I have no direct quarrel or indirect quarrel with the gentleman who makes a living selling radios, or with any of my own particular neighbors, for I am on Amos and Andy's daily free list myself at 7 o'clock every weekday night, and I can even remember the time when I still had some enjoyment listening to Rudy Vallee's singing of the "Stein Song" before it was rendered too often on other machines than mine. But in all seriousness, while undoubtedly the present abuse of radios throughout the City of Boston to the discomfort of almost every neighborhood is a violation of the rights of those who live near where the machines are being played, and although apparently they could be enjoined as a nuisance under the common law, it would appear that the time has come when there should be a city ordinance which will make it easy for the average person who desired to enter a complaint, and reasonably easy for the Police Department to take some definite steps. I believe in all seriousness that the average residential neighborhood should be protected, and I do not believe that the provisions of this particular ordinance are unfair. I believe that it is a matter which should receive careful consideration, and I have no objection to its going to the Committee on Ordinances, at which time I shall be glad to submit such sections of the present law as convince me that there is no question but that the ordinance should be passed. And I treat the subject in no comedy vein, for I believe it would receive, with proper publicity, the generous support of the residents of the City of Boston.

The order was referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

ACCEPTANCE OF ALLERTON ROAD.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Allerton road, Ward 17, as a public highway.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPAVING OF LITHGOW STREET.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave Lithgow street, Ward 17, with smooth paving.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PURCHASES FROM CHAIN STORES.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the various city welfare departments now purchasing provisions and merchandise from chain stores, be, and said departments hereby are, through his Honor the Mayor, respectfully requested to discontinue further purchases from such concerns as fail to recognize American standards of employment.

Coun. WILSON—I would say in explanation of that particular order that in the past I have heard comments made against the products of prison labor, and have read articles that have been published in the newspapers on more than one occasion with reference to the alleged unfairness of allowing prison labor to manufacture merchandise in unfair competition with industries endeavoring to maintain a living wage. And we have heard comment frequently against the encouragement of cut-throat competition of various industries, and against the purchase of European goods which are cheap, because of working conditions intolerable under American standards. And yet, because they are cheap I know that for the past few years destitute families have been given food orders on certain Boston chain stores. For example, the man who works in the wood yard, "works" sometimes, in quotes—works in the wood yard gets such an order on various of these chain stores in

Boston. I say at the present time, from the information I am able to obtain, that the low prices in these particular chain stores are measured by and are an indirect reflection of working conditions in those very chain stores. Recently a constituent of mine who worked as manager or in some employment in a chain store in the Dorchester district was called for jury duty, and on returning from jury duty in the Suffolk Superior Court he found that he had been fired solely because he had been called for jury service. He had served as a jurymen and he was called before the Judge of the Superior Court bench on three or four occasions, and the man in charge of the store was called, and so far as I am able to ascertain from the last report, although I apparently was under the erroneous impression that the firing of a man because of jury service was a criminal offence, the man is still looking for a job in one of these very same stores to which the poor of the City of Boston are sent by the Welfare Department because the goods are cheap. I now understand that in one of the chain store outfits in the City of Boston the one afternoon a week, on Wednesday, which the men who go there to work for, I believe, \$25 or less a week, had been receiving, although they work all hours of the day and night the rest of the week, that one half day a week is being taken from them. I do not believe that such practices should even indirectly be countenanced by the City of Boston through purchases made at such stores, merely to take advantage of the low prices made possible by any such un-American working conditions. And it was for that purpose that I introduced this order. If these stores are going to treat their help the way they are treated, and if they are going to fire a man merely because he does his duty and serves as a jurymen, I think it is high time that the Public Welfare Department and other departments of the city should not indirectly encourage any such un-American standards of workmanship.

The order was passed under a suspension of the rule.

RESURFACING OF STANTON STREET.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner through his Honor the Mayor be, and said Commissioner hereby is, respectfully requested to resurface Stanton street in Ward 17.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

WARD 19 IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. MURRAY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Oakdale street, Ward 19.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Oakview terrace, Ward 19.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Winchester road, Ward 19, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Marion road, Ward 19, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Roy road, Ward 19, as a public highway.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

FENCE AT DROHAN PARK.

President LYNCH and Coun. McGRATH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to place a suitable fence around the square on Edison green known as Drohan park.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK ON KEARSARGE AVENUE.

Coun. BUSH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Kearsarge avenue, both sides, from Warren street to Winthrop street, Ward 12, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

WARD 11 IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. ENGLERT offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Hall street, Ward 11.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Boylston street, Ward 11.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK ON PERRY STREET.

Coun. FITZGERALD offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Perry street, both sides, from Washington street to Harrison avenue, Ward 3, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestone, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ENTRANCE TO EAST BOSTON TUNNEL.

Coun. FITZGERALD offered the following:

Ordered, That the Transit Department be asked to report to the City Council whether it is practical and possible to discontinue the entrance to the East Boston tunnel on Cambridge street.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

LEASE TO BUNKER HILL POST, NO. 26.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be hereby authorized to execute and deliver in the name and behalf of the City of Boston a lease to the Bunker Hill Post, No. 26, of the American Legion, in form satisfactory to the Law Department of the City of Boston, the Jacob Foss Schoolhouse, so called, on Chestnut street in the Charlestown district, together with the adjoining land at the corner of Chestnut street and Adams street, at an annual rental of one dollar (\$1) per year for a term of five years.

And it is further ordered, That the said lessee pay all water rates and furnish at its own expense all heat and light for the said leased premises.

Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL, CHARLESTOWN.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to institute any necessary proceedings to enjoin the School Committee from any rescission of action already taken for the erection of a much needed intermediate school on Eden and Walker streets, Charlestown.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to proceed with the proposed erection of an intermediate school on Eden and Walker streets, Charlestown, forthwith.

Severally referred to the Executive Committee.

DEMOLITION OF ELEVATED STRUCTURE.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to take early action towards the demolition of the elevated structure in Charlestown, the South End, Roxbury, and Jamaica Plain, and the building of a subway for the rapid transit trains now passing over said elevated structure.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

REPAVING OF FISHER AVENUE.

* Coun. POWER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Fisher avenue, Ward 10.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALKS, WARD 15.

Coun. KELLY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Bowdoin street, from Percival street to Adams street, Ward 15, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Adams street, from Dorchester avenue to Eaton square, Ward 15, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

DRAW-OPENING, L STREET BRIDGE.

Coun. LYNCH, for Coun. Mahoney, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide for a width of draw opening of 75 feet on the L Street Bridge when that structure is either repaired or reconstructed.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SALARIES OF SUFFOLK COUNTY JAIL EMPLOYEES.

Coun. RUBY offered the following:

Ordered, That until otherwise ordered the salaries of the employees at the Suffolk County Jail be established in accordance with the rates listed below, the same to be effective June 1, 1930.

Chaplains, \$1,000 per year.

Chaplain, \$400 per year.

Clerk, \$2,200 per year.

Clerk, \$2,000 per year.

Officer-mechanic, \$2,200 per year.

Coun. RUBY—Mr. President, as a matter of explanation of that, I might say that this increase was part of the original county budget, but because of some situation it is necessary for the City Council to pass this twice, once when the budget is accepted, and once in the present form. I therefore ask for a suspension of the rules and the passage of the order.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

SIDEWALK ON LIVERPOOL STREET.

Coun. DONOVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Liverpool street, from Sumner street to Central square, Ward 1, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width,

and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

Coun. FITZGERALD, for the Committee on County Accounts, to whom was referred June 2, 1930, communication from the justice of the District Court of Chelsea, establishing the salary of the court officer of said court, submitted report, recommending passage of the accompanying order, viz.:

Ordered, That the salary of the court officer for the District Court of Chelsea, as determined by the justice of said court, viz., Peter A. Kiernan, court officer, \$2,200 per annum, effective June 1, 1930, be, and the same is, hereby approved.

Report accepted; order passed.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION.

Coun. NORTON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Cummins Highway, both sides, from Regis road to Rexford street and from Hollingsworth street to Rochdale street, Ward 18, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Coun. COX offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Newburg street, both sides, full length, Ward 20, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

UNDERPASS FOR WEST ROXBURY BRIDLE PATH.

Coun. COX offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Department be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to construct beneath Centre street an underpass for the West Roxbury Parkway bridle path.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

WARD 21 IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. HEIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Highgate street, Ward 21.

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to extend Spofford road, Ward 21, to the main roadway of Commonwealth avenue by means of a road crossing the street car reservation.

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to extend St. Lukes road, Ward 21, to the main roadway of Commonwealth avenue by means of a roadway crossing the street car reservation.

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to advise the Boston City Council the approximate cost of making suitable for use as a playground, and the erection of a shelter house, on land on Brainerd road, Ward 21, now owned by the School Department.

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to advise

the Boston City Council the approximate cost of making suitable for use as a playground, and the erection of a shelter house, of forty thousand square feet of land on Chestnut Hill avenue owned by the city and now used as a paving yard by the Public Works Department.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

SIREN ON TENEAN BEACH BATH HOUSE.

Coun. FISH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install a siren on the Tenean Beach bath house for the purpose of giving the bathers ample warning of closing time.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

On motion of Coun. FISH, the Council voted to take a recess at 3 p. m. The members reassembled in the Council Chamber at 3.55 p. m. and were called to order by President LYNCH.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. BUSH, for the Executive Committee, submitted reports as follows:

1. Report on petitions (referred today) for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement, viz.:

Ellen F. Carney, East Boston High School, June 30; Kathryn J. Brymer, Unitarian Parish House, June 20; Lester P. Gould, Greenwood Community Hall, June 23; Florence E. Dolan, Roslindale Municipal Building, June 20; George A. Gilman, Washington Irving Hall, June 4, 5 and 6; Edna V. Sheehan, Huntington Chambers, June 12; Herman Sulzen, Steinert Hall, June 25, that leave be granted, under usual conditions.

Report accepted; leave granted under usual conditions.

2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) that Police Commissioner be authorized to sell at duly advertised public auction at upset price of \$1,000 the police boat "Guardian"—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

3. Report on order (referred today) establishing salaries of employees at Suffolk County Jail, to be effective June 1, 1930,—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

4. Report on order (referred today) that Corporation Counsel be requested to institute any necessary proceedings to enjoin the School Committee from any rescission of action taken for erection of intermediate school on Eden and Walker streets, Charlestown—that said order be laid on the table.

Report accepted; said order laid on table.

5. Report on order (referred today) that School Committee be requested, through the Mayor, to proceed with proposed erection of an intermediate school on Eden and Walker streets, Charlestown, forthwith—that said order be passed.

Report accepted; said order passed.

6. Report on order (referred today) that the Mayor be requested to take action towards demolition of elevated structure in Charlestown, South End, Roxbury and Jamaica Plain and building of subway in place thereof—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

7. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) that Fire Commissioner be authorized to sell at public auction about three tons of old lead cable and one ton of old iron—that order ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

8. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) for sum not exceeding \$6,000 for ice for public drinking fountains—that order ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed, yeas 18, nays 0.

9. Report on order (referred April 28) that an annuity of \$1,000 be paid to widow of Edward Lennon, late member of Police Department, who

died as a result of injuries received while in performance of his duty—that said order be passed.

Report accepted; said order passed.

SALARIES OF MUNICIPAL COURT JUSTICES.

Coun. FITZGERALD, for the Committee on County Accounts, submitted a report on the order (referred today) accepting chapter 415 of the Acts of 1930 entitled "An act establishing the salaries of the Chief Justice and the Associate Justices of the Municipal Court of the City of Boston"—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

WORLD WAR PARK IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. DONOVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to construct granolithic walks leading from the bridge to the bath house at World War Memorial Park, East Boston, the expense of same to be charged to the income from the Parkman Fund.

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to erect a handball court at World War Memorial Park East Boston, the expense of same to be charged to the income from the Parkman Fund.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

INFORMATION IN RE NEW BRIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL.

Coun. HEIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of School-house Construction be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to report to the City Council:

First: Who was the inspector for the old School-house Commission on the new Brighton High School?

Second: Who did the excavating for the contractor?

Third: What became of the loam which was taken from the site?

Fourth: What has been done to keep moisture out of the building for the last three months?

Passed under suspension of the rule.

JURY LIST.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the City Clerk, June 23, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—You are hereby notified that the list of inhabitants qualified to serve as jurors, as prepared by the Election Commissioners, and contained in City Document No. 57, was this day filed with me.

Respectfully,

W. J. DOYLE, City Clerk.

Placed on file.

In connection with the communication Coun. LYNCH offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Clerk be hereby directed to cause the names on the jury list, as contained in City Document No. 57, to be written each on a separate ballot, and said ballots to be properly folded and placed in the box provided for the purpose.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION.

Coun. NORTON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Morton street, south side, from Blue Hill avenue to West Selden street, Ward 18, in front of the estates bordering thereon;

said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Coun. FISH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Gallivan Boulevard, both sides, from Neponset avenue to Dorchester avenue, Ward 16, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, WARD 18.

Coun. NORTON offered the following:

That the School Committee be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to erect a new elementary school in the Rugby section of Ward 18 as per the present plan of School Committee.

Passed under a suspension of the rule.

REPAVING OF VICTORY ROAD.

Coun. FISH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave Victory road, Ward 18, with smooth paving.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

CONFIRMATION OF ARTHUR GLASS AS CONSTABLE.

Coun. WILSON—I move that we take the name of Arthur Glass from the May 1 list of constables.

President LYNCH—Coun. Wilson asks that the Council take action on the name of Arthur Glass. The question comes on confirmation.

The Chair will appoint Coun. Hein and Donovan to receive, sort and count the ballots.

The question came on confirming the name of Arthur Glass from the May 1 list of constables (No. 6 on the calendar). Committee, Coun. Hein and Donovan. Whole number of ballots 14, nays 0, and the appointment was confirmed.

On motion of Coun. ENGLERT the Council voted to adjourn at 4.10 p. m. to meet on Monday, June 30, 1930, at 2 p. m.

CITY OF BOSTON

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, June 30, 1930.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President LYNCH in the chair. Absent, Coun. Cox, Dowd and Fish.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments for the term ending April 30, 1931, viz.:

Constable: Robert T. Carey, 805 Huntington avenue, Roxbury.

Weigher of Coal: Edward W. Pierce, 2d, 1 Raleigh street, Boston.

Weighers of Goods: Walter Savage, 234 Pleasant street, Arlington; William J. Young, 340 Oakland street, Medford; Walter J. Gaudet, 1319 River street, Hyde Park; Earl Gaudet, 1 Pine terrace, Hyde Park; Daniel MacKay, 88 Broad street, Boston; James Dyer, 88 Broad street, Boston; Joseph Bass, 88 Broad street, Boston.

Severally laid over a week under the law.

TRAFFIC CONDITIONS, FLOOD SQUARE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, June 30, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Hon. Joseph A. Conry, Traffic Commissioner, regarding traffic conditions at Flood square, Ward 6. This is in reply to your order of June 2, 1930.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Traffic Commission, Jun 23, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of a request from the City Clerk regarding a City Council order, as follows:

"Ordered, That the Boston Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide for such traffic regulation at Flood square, Ward 6, as will relieve the present dangerous situation at this point."

In reply the engineer of this department has recommended that Emerson street be made one way from Broadway to K street and that suitable warning signs be placed on Broadway east and west of I street. The matter of making Emerson street a one-way street will be taken up for formal action in the general revision of the rules and regulations now under consideration by the Traffic Commission.

Respectfully yours,

JOSEPH A. CONRY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

VETO OF ANNUITY TO WIDOW OF EDWARD J. LENNON.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, June 25, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I return herewith, without my signature, the order passed by your honorable body for the payment of an annuity to the widow of Edward J. Lennon, late a member of the Police Department. The law provides for the payment of such annuities only in cases where the death is the natural and proximate result of an accident occurring in the performance of duty.

I have given careful consideration to the reports

which were submitted to and in the possession of the City Council in regard to this particular case, and have been unable to find anything to bring it within this provision of law.

The passage of an annuity order of this kind may be due to an honest difference of opinion as to whether or not the facts bring it within the law; or it may be due to neglect to consider the information submitted by the department concerned, or it may be due to a reliance on the fact that the chief executive, in the performance of his duty, will be obliged to veto it.

However, the Council, as well as the Mayor, owes a duty and responsibility to the taxpayers, and, while I would not presume to interfere in any way in the conduct of the business of the Council, the suggestion may be pardoned that it is perfectly feasible in cases of this kind to obtain the attendance of the Corporation Counsel and have a full discussion of the facts and the law before taking action on the annuity order.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR CONGRESS STREET BRIDGE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, June 30, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the attached communication from the Commissioner of Public Works, in which he requests that an additional appropriation of \$4,327.05 be made available for Congress Street Bridge. I submit herewith an order providing for the transfer of the amount requested from the appropriation for Columbus Avenue Bridge. I respectfully recommend adoption of this order by your honorable body.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Public Works Department, June 24, 1930.

To the Honorable the Mayor.

It will be necessary to provide some more money for the appropriation for Congress Street Bridge, as the funds are nearly all encumbered by contracts and other expenses such as bills for testing and inspection of materials, etc.

I respectfully request that a transfer be made as follows:

From the balance of the loan appropriation for Columbus Avenue Bridge, \$4,327.05, to the appropriation for Congress Street Bridge, \$4,327.05.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN E. CARTY,

Division Engineer.

Approved.

JOSEPH A. ROURKE,

Commissioner of Public Works.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Columbus Avenue Bridge, \$4,327.05, to the appropriation for Congress Street Bridge, \$4,327.05.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR NEW FERRYBOAT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, June 30, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the attached communication from the Commissioner of Public Works, in which he requests that an additional appropriation of \$2,500 be made available for the necessary gates for the new ferryboat. I submit herewith an order providing for the transfer from the appropriation for Ferry Improvements, etc., the sum of \$2,500 to the appropriation for new ferryboat in accordance with this request and respectfully recommend adoption of this order by your honorable body.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department, June 24, 1930.
To the Honorable the Mayor.

In order to build the necessary gates for the new ferryboat it will be necessary to make a transfer to the appropriation for new ferryboat in the amount of \$2,500, as the funds are not sufficient in the appropriation for the new boat to provide for this work.

This amount can be taken from the item of Ferry Improvements, etc., and the transfer should read as follows:

From the appropriation for Ferry Improvements, etc., \$2,500, to the appropriation for New Ferryboat, \$2,500.

I respectfully recommend that the above transfer be made.

Respectfully yours,
JOHN E. CARTY,
Division Engineer.

Approved.
JOSEPH A. ROURKE,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Ferry Improvements, etc., \$2,500, to the appropriation for New Ferryboat, \$2,500.

Referred to Executive Committee.

SALE OF LAND IN HYDE PARK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 26, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—In consequence of the annexation of Hyde Park the City of Boston became the owner of a parcel of land on Fairmount Hill, partly in Boston and partly in Milton, which was formerly used as a part of the Hyde Park water-works. It is a liability rather than an asset, and under private ownership it might well be developed for residential purposes.

I transmit herewith a communication from the Commissioner of Public Works stating that the land is not required for public purposes, and an order authorizing its sale at public auction at an upset price of \$8,300, which is the assessed value and the amount recommended for an upset price by Mr. John Beck, real estate appraiser, in a report submitted to me.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department, May 17, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—The parcel of land now owned by the City of Boston and in the charge of this department, located on Fairmount Hill, Hyde Park, known as the old reservoir lot, and on which there was a standpipe which was removed during our last term, is in my opinion no longer required for public purposes.

The City of Boston at present pays taxes on a portion of this land which is in the town of Milton, and in my opinion it would be advisable to sell the property.

Yours very truly,
JOSEPH A. ROURKE,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be, and hereby is, authorized in the name and behalf of the City of Boston to sell at public auction at an upset price of eight thousand three hundred dollars all its rights, title and interest in and to a parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated partly in Hyde Park and partly in Milton in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on the north-easterly side of a proposed extension of Milton avenue, containing about 194,660 square feet of land; included in said sale and for the same consideration, in so far as the city is legally able so to do, to sell the right and easement to pass and repass over the said proposed extension of Milton avenue, to and from the said above-described premises in all ways and for all purposes for which passageways are ordinarily used in the City of Boston, the said right and easement to terminate when

and if the said proposed extension of Milton avenue is laid out, constructed and accepted by the said City of Boston as a public street by the said City of Boston; and to execute and deliver in the name and behalf of the City of Boston a deed of the said premises and rights to the purchaser in form satisfactory to the Law Department of the said City of Boston.

Referred to Committee on Public Lands.

CUSTODY OF REAL ESTATE IN WOBURN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 30, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I beg to submit herewith order drafted by the Corporation Counsel, providing for acceptance by the City of Boston of certain real estate located in the city of Woburn and in the town of Burlington, which said property was devised to the City of Boston in trust,

"to hold and keep the same forever open as a public pleasure ground and to maintain and care for the same in a suitable manner in accordance with that purpose."

It has been customary in Boston for many years to conduct outings for children under the provisions of the Randidge Excursion Fund at Rainsford Island and at Long Island. The means of transportation that has been used in the past has been the steamer in use by the Penal Institutions Department for the conveying of prisoners from the mainland to Deer Island. The method of conveyance never has been conducive to the moral welfare of the children and the entire atmosphere has been depressing and other than what it should be.

In the event that this benefaction is accepted and the property in question, consisting of in excess of some two hundred acres, is suitably developed, it should make possible an ideal summer outing playground for the poor children of the city.

I accordingly recommend the acceptance of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Whereas, Mary P. C. Cummings of Woburn died December 23, 1927, leaving a will which was allowed by the Probate Court of the County of Middlesex on January 18, 1928; and

Whereas, Under the fourth clause of said will certain real estate in the city of Woburn and in the town of Burlington was devised to the City of Boston in trust,

"to hold and keep the same forever open as a public pleasure ground and to maintain and care for the same in a suitable manner in accordance with that purpose"; and

Whereas, The City of Boston by an order of the City Council approved by the Mayor of Boston, on April 8, 1930, accepted the bequest and devise made by the said Mary P. C. Cummings to the said City of Boston under said will according to the terms set forth in said will; and

Whereas, The Park Department of the City of Boston is the proper agency to care for pleasure grounds belonging to the said City of Boston;

Now, therefore, it is hereby Ordered, That the said property and estate bequeathed and devised to the said City of Boston under said will of the said Mary P. C. Cummings be and they hereby are placed in the control and custody of the Board of Park Commissioners of the said City of Boston to be managed, cared for and controlled by said Board of Park Commissioners in accordance with the terms of the will of the said Mary P. C. Cummings.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

COMPLETION OF MORTON STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 30, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith a communication from the Commissioner of Public Works

relative to the completion of Morton street and recommend the passage of the accompanying order transferring the sum of \$25,000 from special fund, sales of city property, for this purpose.

I appreciate the long delay that has taken place in the completion of this street and feel certain that the immediate passage of this appropriation order will be the final action necessary on this much needed improvement. The reason action has not sooner been taken was that it was deemed advisable to complete the street so far as possible by the use of the funds provided under the special act of the Legislature and until the city authorities could determine how much balance remained from that appropriation it was not possible to determine how much additional money was needed.

We have preferred to take the additional \$25,000 from a special appropriation rather than by letting out the remainder of the street under the general highway act which would make two sets of assessment orders and involve other complications.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department, June 30, 1930.
To His Honor the Mayor.

In 1925 the Legislature authorized the expenditure of \$325,000 outside the debt limit, to which was added a sum equal to 10 per cent of that amount from the tax levy, making a total of \$357,500 to be spent for the widening and construction of Morton street from Morton road to Washington street and also including the widening and construction of Washington street from that point to a point about opposite River street.

Under this authorization, late in 1925 a contract was awarded for the section between Morton road and Canterbury street, which was completed early in 1926, and a contract was awarded last year, and finished this year, for the widening and construction between Druid and Washington streets, at the easterly end, and a short spur was constructed at the westerly end from the Southern Artery.

Between Druid street and the end of this spur remains to be done, in order that Morton street may be completed, and it is estimated that in addition to the balance on hand of the original authorization, \$25,000 will have to be made available, to be obtained as a loan inside the debt limit or by transfer from other available money, for the Morton Street Improvement.

Yours respectfully,
JOSEPH A. ROURKE,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Ordered, That the sum of \$25,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated from Special Fund, Sales of City Property, for Morton Street, Improvement. Referred to the Executive Committee.

TRANSFERS WITHIN DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 30, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the attached requests for transfers within departmental appropriations, and respectfully recommend adoption of the accompanying orders.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Boston Traffic Commission:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Clerk, 1 at \$1,400—\$1,500 a year, \$823.98, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Stenographers, 2 (3) at \$1,600 a year, \$823.98.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Municipal Court, Dorchester District:

From the appropriation for A-3, Temporary Employees, \$1,050, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Clerk, Second Assistant, 1 at \$2,520 a year, \$1,050.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Park Department, Cemetery Division:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Custodians and Cemetery Keepers, 3 at \$2,000—\$2,100 a year, \$1,275, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Supervisor of Veterans' Graves, 1 at \$2,300 a year, \$1,275.

From the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, \$2,100, to the appropriation for D-10, Agricultural \$1,800; F-11, Workmen's Compensation, \$300.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Park Department:

From the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, \$3,000, to the appropriation for B-28, Expert, \$3,000.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Municipal Court, City of Boston:

From the appropriation for F-7, Pensions and Annuities, \$725, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Clerks, 2 (3) at \$1,400 a year, \$725.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Mayor, Office Expenses:

From the appropriation for A-2, Temporary Employees, \$290.11, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Assistant Secretaries, 2 at \$3,000—\$2,500 (\$2,700) a year, \$205.72; Stenographer, Chief, 1 at \$3,000 (\$3,500) a year, \$84.39.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Messenger, 1 (0) at \$1,600 a year, \$430.45, to the appropriation for Stenographer, Chief, 1 at \$3,000 (\$3,500) a year, \$173.16; Assistant Secretary, 1 at \$2,700—\$2,500 (\$2,700) a year, \$102.86; Clerk, 1 at \$1,900 (\$2,200) a year, \$154.43.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Public Works Department, Water Service:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Laborers, Stablemen, etc., 160 at \$5 per day, \$138.08, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Foreman, General, 1 (0) at \$2,800 a year, \$138.08.

From the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, \$1,000, to the appropriation for B-1, Printing and Binding, \$200; C-9, Office, \$600; C-16, Wearing Apparel, \$200.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for District Court of Chelsea:

From the appropriation for A-2, Temporary Employees, \$58.33, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Probation Officer, Assistant to, 1 at \$1,400—\$1,500 (\$1,800) a year, \$58.33.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriation for Public Works Department, Sewer Service:

From the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, \$51.80, to the appropriation for B-15, Motorless Vehicle Repairs, \$51.80.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Institutions Department, Central Office:

From the appropriation for G-3, Incidentals, \$493.28, to the appropriation for A-2, Temporary Employees, \$493.28.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Public Welfare Department, Central Office:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Clerks, 4 (3) at \$1,000-\$1,100 a year, \$545.58, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Telephone Operator, 1 at \$1,100 a year, \$545.58.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PLAYGROUND, NORTH END.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 30, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—Various civic organizations interested in the conservation of the health and lives of the children of the city are unanimous in the opinion that certain property should be taken in the North End of Boston, in the vicinity of Foster street and Commercial street, a plan of which is hereby appended.

I informed the committee that waited upon me that if the owners of the property were willing to convey the same to the city for a sum not in excess of the assessed valuation that I would recommend to the City Council the adoption of an order providing for appropriation in a sum sufficient to cover the cost of said taking. This has been done by the owners and I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the sum of \$7,500 be, and hereby is, appropriated from Special Fund, Sales of City Property, for Playground, North End District, Vicinity of Foster Place and Foster Court.

Referred to Executive Committee.

EXCURSIONS UNDER RANDIDGE FUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, June 30, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—The income of the Randidge Fund is inadequate to meet the cost of transporting the children participating in the excursions conducted by the city under this fund. It is estimated by the Board of Park Commissioners that the transportation item this year will cost approximately \$5,000.

I accordingly submit herewith an order providing for the appropriation of this amount from the Reserve Fund and respectfully recommend the adoption of same by your honorable body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the sum of \$5,000 be, and the same hereby is, appropriated to be expended by the Board of Park Commissioners for recreation purposes, by the transporting of children from the various parts of the city to certain recreational centers within and without the limits of the city, and for other incidental expenses in connection therewith, said sum to be charged to the Reserve Fund.

Referred to Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and severally referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

H. Alexander, for compensation for damage to property by ash team.

Nathan A. Bresnick, for compensation for damage to car by city team.

Frank A. Brewer, for compensation for damage to property at 212 Summer street, caused by employees of Water Department.

C. Clayton Comstock, for refund on ferry tickets.

John J. Fitzgerald, for compensation for loss of clothing at L street fire.

Samuel Frankel and Ruth Sidel, for compensation for damage to property by city car.

Stanley Maldonis, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Franklin Park.

James R. McDermott, for compensation for damage to property at 32 Carson street, Dorchester, caused by overflow of sewer.

M. J. McMahon, for refund on unused refuse tickets.

Alexander Rudack, for compensation for loss of property at L street fire.

T. D. Spies, for compensation for damage to property, caused by flood at Brigham Circle.

Ernest D. Stevens, for refund on refuse tickets.

Executive.

Petition of Nellie F. Hart to be paid an annuity on account of death of Patrick Hart, a member of the Fire Department.

Petitions for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement, viz.:

Beatrice J. Calloway, Bates Hall, June 24.

Petition of Boston Elevated Railway to operate motor buses between junction of L and East First streets and junction of D and Summer streets, over East First street, West First street and D street.

SALARY OF PROBATION OFFICER.

A communication was received from Justice of Municipal Court, Dorchester District, determining salary of Reginald H. Mair, probation officer, at \$3,500 per annum, effective July 1, 1930.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

TRACK LOCATION.

Notice was received from the Board of Street Commissioners of track location granted the United Drug Company on Forsyth street, Boston. Placed on file.

NOTICE OF HEARING.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Utilities of hearing to be held Tuesday, July 8, at 12 o'clock on order of City Council requesting the department to order the Boston and Albany Railroad to construct additional fences along its location in vicinity of Faneuil Station in Brighton district.

Placed on file.

PERSONS LIABLE TO ENROLLMENT IN MILITIA.

Notice was received from the Assessing Department that the number of persons in City of Boston liable to enrollment in militia in 1930 is 145,357.

NOTICES OF RESIGNATION.

Notice was received from his Honor the Mayor of the following resignations:

Daniel H. Rose, Superintendent of Markets.

Peter F. Tague as Principal Assessor.

James J. Mulvey as Election Commissioner.

James B. Noyes as Transit Commissioner.

Henry L. Daily as City Registrar.

Frank B. Howland as Overseer of Public Welfare.

Severally placed on file.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Notice was received from his Honor the Mayor of the following appointments:

Henry L. Daily, 35 Clarkson street, Dorchester, Principal Assessor, for term ending March 31, 1932.

James J. Mulvey, 46 Cobden street, Roxbury, City Registrar, for term ending April 30, 1934.

Mrs. Cornelia G. McMahon, 56 Oak Square avenue, Brighton, member of Board of Overseers of Public Welfare, for term ending April 30, 1932.

Arthur B. Corbett, 53 Chelmsford street, Dorchester, Transit Commissioner, for term ending April 30, 1931.

Daniel H. Rose, 8 Kenwood street, Dorchester, to be Election Commissioner, for term ending March 31, 1933.

Ambrose Woods, 10 Hillside street, Roxbury, Superintendent of Markets, for term ending April 30, 1934.

Peter F. Tague, 21 Monument square, Charlestown, Election Commissioner, for term ending March 31, 1932.

Margaret J. Gookin, 356 Seaver street, Dorchester, member of Board of Overseers of Public Welfare, for term ending April 30, 1931.

William T. Aldrich, 30 Newbury street, member of Art Commission, for term ending April 30, 1931.

Frank S. Davis, 189 Babcock street, Brighton, member of Boston Port Authority, for term ending April 30, 1934.

Sophie M. Friedman, 200 Bay State road, member of Board of Overseers of Public Welfare, for term ending April 30, 1933.

James P. Maloney, 624 Cambridge street, Allston, member of Board of Overseers of Public Welfare, for term ending April 30, 1933.

Severally placed on file.

CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The constables' bonds of Arthur Glass, Charles R. Mennella and George M. Hughes, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, were received and approved.

SIDEWALK ASSESSMENTS.

Communication was received from the Commissioner of Public Works in regard to cost of constructing artificial stone sidewalks, together with orders covering assessment of half cost against owners of record of estates bordering thereon, viz.:

	Half Cost.
Florence street, Ward 19.....	\$1,378.57
Gardner street, Ward 20.....	7,536.10

Orders passed under suspension of the rule.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES.

Coun. GREEN, for the Committee on Ordinances, submitted the following:

1. Report on ordinance (referred April 14) relative to park frontages—that same ought to pass.

Coun. HEIN—Mr. President, I would like to ask, through the Chair, when the Ordinances Committee met. Being on that committee, I had no notice of it.

Coun. GREEN—Mr. President, I might say that we have had four or five meetings, and we had this matter up at every meeting. There has been no opposition to the proposed amendment of the ordinance at any time. But, on account of the adjournment of the City Council, I had to wait, and I have now introduced the report at this time.

President LYNCH—The Chair would also volunteer the information that this ordinance has passed the City Council on two occasions, but has not received the signature of his Honor the Mayor.

Coun. BUSH—Mr. President, I rise to a point of information. What does the ordinance involve?

President LYNCH—Lifting of restrictions on a portion of Columbia road. On the opposite side the restrictions were removed in 1925.

Coun. MURRAY—What ward of the city is it? President LYNCH—Ward 7.

The report was accepted and the ordinance passed.

PLAN FOR NORTH END BATHING BEACH AND PARK.

Coun. FITZGERALD offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commissioners, through his Honor the Mayor, be requested to furnish the City Council, at the earliest possible date, with a plan for the proper development for a

bathing beach and park of the land in the vicinity of Leverett and Nashua streets conveyed to the city by the Commonwealth in connection with the Charles River Embankment Improvement, together with an estimate of the cost of the same.

Coun. FITZGERALD—Mr. President, my purpose in introducing that order is that some quick action may be brought about in the matter of this development. On February 7 an order was sent to the City Council by his Honor the Mayor relative to the conveyance of this land from the state to the City of Boston for the sum of \$25,000, and it has been hanging fire until last Thursday afternoon. But the papers have finally been placed on record and the City of Boston has paid over to the state the \$25,000. I desire at this time to ask a suspension of the rule and the passage of the order, so that the proper authorities who now have the matter in hand may rush it to a final conclusion. The people of that section, both in the ward that I represent and the ward represented by Councilor Curtis, will be greatly benefited by prompt action. With the proposed Charles river improvement there will necessarily be some curtailment of opportunity to use a good deal of the river front, while the present proposed improvement there is in course of construction. This is on the opposite side of Leverett street, and if action is taken at once the people can have a small space for breathing purposes. The City of Boston has made a good bargain with the state. It means that 50,000 square feet of land on the land side and 30,000 square feet on the water side, or 80,000 square feet of land in all, is purchased by the city for \$25,000, land that, in my opinion, is worth \$250,000. I certainly hope that the Park Commissioners and the Mayor will push this thing to a rapid conclusion. I ask a suspension of the rule.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

CONFIRMATION OF CONSTABLES.

On motion of Coun. WILSON, the Council took up the following names of constables, under unfinished business:

In No. 2 on the calendar, Patrick L. Resiteri.
In No. 4, George E. Sobol and James H. Ward.
In No. 5, Frank Smith.
In No. 6, John F. Shea.

The question came on confirmation. Committee,—Coun. Hein and Power. Whole number of ballots 12, yeas 12, and the appointments were confirmed.

REPAVING OF SOUTH HUNTINGTON AVENUE.

Coun. POWER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving South Huntington avenue, from Huntington avenue to Centre street, Ward 10.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

MODERN PLUMBING IN WARD 2 SCHOOLS.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston School Committee be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to replace with modern plumbing the old-fashioned, unsanitary latrines in the Warren, Daniels, Kent and Frothingham Schools in Ward 2.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

HEATING OF PRESCOTT SCHOOL.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Department of Schoolhouse Construction be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to report to the Boston City Council in detail as to the heating equipment in the Prescott School District, Ward 2.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

MARKING OF HISTORICAL SITES IN CHARLESTOWN.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston Tercentenary Committee be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to immediately mark with appropriate tablets the historical sites in Charlestown.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

WARD 13 IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. McGRATH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave Moseley street, Ward 13, with smooth paving.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to remedy the condition now existing on Pleasant street, Dorchester, from Stoughton street to East Cottage street, caused by the insufficiency in the size of the surface sewer now draining that section, and which has caused serious overflows on the abutting properties during heavy rains.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

WARD 14 IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. RUBY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Jacob street, Ward 14, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to build such sidewalks as are necessary on Erie street, Ward 14.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

The Council voted at 2.40 p. m., on motion of Coun. ENGLERT, to take a recess subject to the call of the President. The members reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by President LYNCH at 3.39 p. m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. MAHONEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on petition of Boston Elevated Railway (referred today) for license to run motor buses between junction of L and East First streets and junction of D and Summer streets—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted under usual conditions.

2. Report on petition of Beatrice J. Calloway (referred today) for children to appear at Bates Hall on June 24, 1930—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on usual conditions.

3. Report on message of Mayor and orders (referred today) for various transfers within departmental appropriations—recommending passage of orders as submitted.

Report accepted; said orders severally passed, yeas 19, nays 0.

4. Report on message from Mayor and order (referred today) with regard to property in Woburn and in Burlington devised to the City of Boston in trust by Mary P. C. Cummings of Woburn—recommending passage of said order.

Report accepted; said order passed.

5. Report on communication from Justice of Dorchester District Court (referred today)—recommending passage of following order, viz.:

Ordered, That the salary of the probation officer of the Municipal Court of the Dorchester District, as determined by the Justice of said Court, viz., Reginald H. Mair, probation officer, \$3,500 per annum, effective July 1, 1930, be, and the same is, hereby approved.

Report accepted; order passed.

6. Report on message and order (referred today) for a transfer of \$4,327.05 for Congress Street Bridge—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed, yeas 19, nays 0.

7. Report on message and order (referred today) for a transfer of \$2,500 for new ferryboat—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed, yeas 19, nays 0.

8. Report on message and order (referred today) appropriating \$25,000 for the completion of Morton street—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed, yeas 19, nays 0.

9. Report on message and order (referred today) for the transfer of \$5,000 for expense of Randidge Fund Excursions—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed, yeas 19, nays 0.

SALARY OF CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER.

Coun. FITZGERALD, for the Committee on County Accounts, to whom was referred June 23, 1930, a communication from the Chief Justice of the Municipal Court of the City of Boston, establishing the salary of the chief probation officer of said Court, submitted report, recommending passage of the accompanying order, viz.:

Ordered, That the salary of the chief probation officer for the Municipal Court of the City of Boston, as determined by the Chief Justice of said Court, viz., Albert J. Sargent, chief probation officer, \$6,000 per annum, effective July 1, 1930, be, and the same is, hereby approved.

Coun. FITZGERALD—Mr. President, that is an order sent in by the Chief Justice of the Boston Municipal Court, who has authority to do so under chapter 276 of the General Laws. The proposed increase is \$400, which will bring the salary to \$6,000. This is the largest court we have in the Commonwealth, taking in practically the entire city proper, and this officer has a large force under him, the largest under any probation officer. It is entirely different from the situation in the local district courts. As I say, this order has now been sent down by Chief Justice Bolster, was referred to the Committee on County Accounts, and we recommend its passage.

Report accepted; said order passed.

SIDEWALK ON WAVERLY STREET.

Coun. GALLAGHER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Waverly street, both sides, from Market street to Western avenue, Ward 22, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

TRAFFIC REGULATION.

Coun. CURTIS offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to consider, and, if deemed advisable, to adopt, a traffic regulation substantially as follows:

No person having charge of a vehicle shall stop the same when obstructed by traffic in such a manner as unnecessarily to obstruct traffic on a cross-street; but it shall be the duty of such person on approaching a cross-street not to proceed across such street until he is reasonably sure that the condition of traffic ahead of him is such that it will not be necessary for him to stop on the crossing.

Coun. CURTIS—Mr. President, this is simply an order requesting the Traffic Commissioner to give consideration to this matter. It seems to me if there is one source of obstruction of traffic in our streets which is entirely unnecessary and inexcusable, it is that caused by the stopping of vehicles in the path of pedestrians at cross streets where there is a traffic block ahead. When there is such a block, drivers behind, instead of keeping free the passageway for pedestrians drive right up behind the block, thereby preventing the passage of pedestrians along the intersecting street. I know that this occurs very frequently in Ward 5, as it does, of course, all over the city.

People coming down or going up Mt. Vernon street, for example, are held up when there is a traffic block on Charles street, and the same is true on Beacon and other streets. This is merely a request to give the matter consideration and if advisable issue an order that it shall be the duty of drivers in such cases, where there is a block in traffic ahead, not to stop on a crossing, thereby blocking traffic along the intersecting streets. I was going to suggest that we pass an ordinance to that effect, but the clerk tells me that under the 1929 act the matter is under the control of the Traffic Commission. So this is merely a request that they take up the matter. I move a suspension of the rule and the passage of the order.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

REPAVING OF TOWNSEND STREET.

Coun. BUSH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public

Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave Townsend street, Ward 12, with smooth paving.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

FIRE PROTECTION, METROPOLITAN HILL.

Coun. NORTON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to investigate and report to the City Council the advisability of providing increased fire protection for the Metropolitan Hill section of Ward 18.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

Adjourned, on motion of Coun. NORTON, at 3.48 p. m., to meet on Monday, July 7, 1930, at 2 p. m.

CITY OF BOSTON

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, July 7, 1930.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President LYNCH in the chair. Absent, Coun. Cox, Curtis and Dowd.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in the manner prescribed by law, the Mayor absent, viz.:

Thirty traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, Second Session, to appear August 5, 1930:

Albert I. Collyer, Ward 1; David P. Simpson, Ward 1; Michael N. Sullivan, Ward 1; Michael D. Madden, Ward 2; George G. Bedard, Ward 3; Arthur L. Green, Ward 3; William H. Heaney, Ward 3; Michael Newman, Ward 3; Edward W. Damoiseau, Ward 5; John M. Barry, Ward 6; John Donovan, Ward 6; Timothy J. Hickey, Ward 6; John T. Sheran, Ward 8; William Voelker, Ward 10; William Wallace, Ward 12; James J. Curley, Ward 14; Charles L. Hannon, Ward 14; Harry Kantrowitz, Ward 14; Richard E. Ryan, Ward 14; James J. Connolly, Ward 16; George Patterson, jr., Ward 16; Charles F. Kavanagh, Ward 17; John P. Mahoney, Ward 17; Charles C. Ryder, Ward 17; Clarence L. Fish, Ward 18; Carl O. Mathiasen, Ward 18; Samuel Levine, Ward 21; William J. Taylor, Ward 21; George A. Bradford, Ward 22; Stewart A. Gates, Ward 22.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to approval by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments for the term ending April 30, 1931, viz.:

Constable: Robert H. Homans, 844 Broadway, South Boston.

Weigher of Coal: John J. Morley, 171 Hampden street, Roxbury.

Severally laid over one week under the law.

ACCEPTANCE OF CHAPTER 223, ACTS OF 1930.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 7, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—Chapter 223 of the Acts of 1930 authorizes a city or town which accepts the legislation to appropriate money for advertising its resources, advantages and attractions, provided that an equal amount shall have previously been contributed from other sources and paid into the city treasury.

This particular piece of legislation is a refreshing indication of a change from the conservatism which so long has hampered the industrial and commercial development of New England, and I am heartily in favor of taking advantage of it.

Upon the acceptance of the act the Commercial, Industrial and Publicity Bureau created by me, which has funds raised by public subscription amounting to \$85,000, stands ready to turn over to the city the sum of \$25,000 for advertising purposes, and I shall recommend an appropriation by the city of an equal amount.

I accordingly recommend the passage of the accompanying order accepting the act.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That section 6A of chapter 40 of the General Laws, inserted therein by chapter 223 of the Acts of 1930, entitled "An Act Relative to Municipal Advertising," be, and the same hereby is, accepted.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

UNDERPASS, WEST ROXBURY BRIDLE PATH.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 7, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, regarding your request for an underpass on the West Roxbury bridge path. This is in reply to your order of June 23, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, July 2, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of Council order that the Park Department be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to construct beneath Centre street an underpass for the West Roxbury Parkway bridge path. I regret exceedingly that the department has no funds available for this purpose.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

Placed on file.

HANDBALL COURT, WORLD WAR MEMORIAL PARK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 7, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, regarding your request for a handball court at World War Memorial Park. This is in reply to your order of June 23, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, July 2, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I have your order from the City Council that the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to erect a handball court at World War Memorial Park, East Boston, the expense of same to be charged to the income from the Parkman Fund.

In reply I regret exceedingly to inform you that the Board of Park Commissioners does not deem it advisable to build any outdoor handball courts, for sanitary reasons.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

Placed on file.

CAMBRIDGE STREET ENTRANCE, EAST BOSTON TUNNEL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 7, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Col. Thomas F. Sullivan, chairman of the Transit Commission, regarding your request to discontinue the entrance to the East Boston Tunnel on Cambridge street. This is in reply to your order of June 23, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Transit Department, July 2, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I return herewith order of the City Council, dated June 23, 1930:

"Ordered, That the Transit Department be asked to report to the City Council whether it is practical and possible to discontinue the entrance to the East Boston Tunnel on Cambridge street."

The East Boston Tunnel entrance on Cambridge street is leased to the Boston Elevated Railway Company under authority of chapter 741 of the Acts of the year 1911. This lease is substantially in the same form as the lease for the other subways

and tunnels, and it is provided therein that no changes can be made in any of these structures, except at the request of the lessee.

Until an entrance is provided at some other point, it is neither practical nor possible to discontinue the Cambridge street entrance, as there is no other way in which cars can be sent to the Eliot square shops for major repairs, or new cars brought in for replacement purposes.

Yours very truly,
T. F. SULLIVAN, Chairman.

Placed on file.

PLAYGROUND, CHESTNUT HILL AVENUE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 7, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, regarding your request for a playground on Chestnut Hill avenue. This is in reply to your order of June 23, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, July 2, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I am in receipt of order from the City Council that the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to advise the Boston City Council the approximate cost of making suitable for use as a playground and the erection of a shelter house, of forty thousand square feet of land on Chestnut Hill avenue, owned by the city and now used as a paving yard by the Public Works Department.

Due to the fact that this was formerly a ledge, it would be inadvisable to consider the area for playground purposes—it would cost in the vicinity of \$150,000 to put this place in condition.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

Placed on file.

LOAN FOR COUNTY JAIL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 7, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—The widening of Charles street involves the taking of a portion of the Suffolk County Jail property and the removal of a wall and one of the buildings. The sheriff estimates that the replacement and other incidental expenses made necessary by the street widening will cost approximately \$135,000 and I accordingly recommend the passage of the accompanying loan order for that amount.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the sum of \$135,000 be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Sheriff for County of Suffolk, Jail Improvements, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized to issue, from time to time, upon request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Coun. RUBY—Mr. President, I understand that this order that has just come up from the Mayor is an emergency order which requires immediate attention so that the building and the wall of the jail may be taken down to make way for the widening. I understand that at the present time they are already removing the building at the corner of Charles and Cambridge streets, and I therefore move a suspension of the rules so that the order may have its first reading this afternoon.

Coun. MURRAY—Mr. President, I believe, even though this is an emergency order, that it can wait until the next meeting. What is the good of our coming into the Council if on every order we are going to suspend the rules and pass it? What did you form committees for? It is not our fault that it is an emergency. Why don't they send it to a committee and let us see why they want it, and wherefor? I am against the suspension of the rules.

Coun. WILSON—I move that the matter be referred to the Executive Committee.
The order was referred to the Executive Committee.

APPROPRIATION FOR MUNICIPAL ADVERTISING.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 7, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I submit herewith and recommend for passage by your honorable body an order appropriating the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for advertising purposes.

The authorization for this appropriation is contained in chapter 223 of the Acts of 1930, an explanation of which is contained in my message of this date recommending its acceptance.

In order to take advantage of the opportunity afforded by the vacationing and centenary travel, which is approaching its height, it is necessary to have the money immediately available, and I accordingly respectfully request immediate action on the order.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 223, Acts of 1930, the sum of \$25,000 be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Mayor for Municipal Advertising, and that said amount be raised by taxation on the polls and estates in the City of Boston.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

Coun. WILSON was here called to the chair.

OPINION OF CORPORATION COUNSEL IN RE ANNA DOROTHY SMITH.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 7, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I beg to submit herewith opinion received from the Corporation Counsel with reference to order adopted by the City Council under date of February 24, 1930. The opinion, as submitted by the Corporation Counsel, is both lucid and conclusive and there is nothing further can be done in the matter.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Law Department, June 18, 1930.
Cornelius A. Reardon, Esquire,

Secretary to the Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I beg to submit my opinion to his Honor the Mayor with reference to the reward to be offered as a result of the case of Anna Dorothy Smith, of 17 Sackville street, Charlestown, Mass.

On February 24, 1930, the City Council adopted the following order:

"Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be, and is hereby, authorized, under the provisions of section 10 of chapter 276 of the General Laws, to offer a reward of five hundred dollars for the detection or apprehension of the person who kidnapped Dorothy Smith from Belmont street, Charlestown; said sum to be paid from the Reserve Fund."

Section 10 of chapter 276 of the General Laws, pursuant to which the order of the City Council was adopted, provides as follows:

"Section 10. The aldermen or the selectmen, if in their opinion the public good so requires, may offer a suitable reward of not more than five hundred dollars in any one case, to be paid by the town to any person who, in consequence of such offer, detects or secures a person who has committed a felony in such place, either before or after he has been charged therewith, and such reward shall be paid by the treasurer upon the warrant of the aldermen or selectmen. If more than one claimant applies for the payment of such reward, the aldermen or selectmen shall determine to whom it shall be paid, and if to more than one person, in what proportion to each, and their determination shall be final."

You will observe that this statute provides in part that the reward shall be paid by the city

to anyone who detects or secures a person who has committed a felony in this city. The facts in this case, as disclosed by the report of Captain Livingston of Division 15, indicate that the person was convicted of the felony of "carnal knowledge and abuse of a female child" in Middlesex County. The order of the City Council offers a reward for the detection or apprehension of the person who kidnapped Dorothy Smith. The criminal in this case was not convicted of the felony "kidnapping." In fact, he was discharged in the Charlestown District Court on April 9 on this charge. Consequently I am of the opinion that no one is entitled to receive the reward offered by the City Council; first, because the crime specified in the order of the City Council was "kidnapping" when, as a matter of fact, the crime for which the criminal was convicted was "carnal knowledge and abuse of a female child"; second, the felony was not committed in the City of Boston but was committed in Middlesex County and the City of Boston has no legal right to pay a reward to anyone for a crime committed outside the precincts of the City of Boston.

Very truly yours,
SAMUEL SILVERMAN,
Corporation Counsel.

Placed on file.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Richard H. Alexander, for compensation for damage to clothing caused by fire at L street.

Lawrence L. Brennan, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Regent street.

Mrs. DeRosa, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Eustis street.

Eldridge, Baker Company, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Ellen J. Fitzgerald, for compensation for damage to property at 15 Centre terrace, caused by sewer being put through.

Garden Diner, for compensation for damage to dining car caused by city watering cart.

Mrs. Maud Hartigan, for compensation for damage to clothing caused by city truck.

Eugene P. Irwin, for compensation for damage to property at 58 Hartford street, Dorchester, caused by water being shut off.

Vincent Kay, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Massachusetts avenue.

Bridget McGinley, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in East Eighth street.

Louis Poulos, for compensation for damage to cart by city truck.

Gould B. Ruggles, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Mary Sullivan, for compensation for injuries caused by being struck by car of Weights and Measures Department.

United States Army Base, for compensation for damage to fender system at L-street fire.

Mrs. A. Vollmer, for compensation for damage to property at 5 Westerly street, caused by falling tree.

Dennison Manufacturing Company, for refund on unused refuse tickets.

Committee on Jitney Licenses.

Petition of Boston, Worcester and New York Street Railway Company for permission to make following change in the route which they now have in Boston, namely, to travel from Beacon to Dartmouth street, to St. James avenue, then through St. James avenue to Park square.

Executive Committee.

Petition of Daniel Gallagher for retirement.

CHANGE IN PRECINCT LINES.

A communication was received from the Board of Election Commissioners notifying the Council that the dividing line between Precincts 15 and 16 in Ward 17 had been changed to run through

the middle line of Gallivan Boulevard, from the intersection of Codman street to the intersection of Codman street discontinued.

Placed on file.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, RUGBY SECTION.

A communication was received from the School Committee relative to an appropriation passed by the committee on June 23 of \$235,000 for the construction of a thirteen-classroom unit, elementary school building, on Radcliffe road, at the corner of Ruskin road.

Placed on file.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL, CHARLESTOWN.

A communication was received from the School Committee relative to an intermediate school in Charlestown.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Notice was received of the following appointments by the Mayor:

Ellery Sedgwick, 14 Walnut street, Boston, to be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Boston Public Library for the term ending April 30, 1933.

William Spottiswood and Michael H. Cochrane to be Sinking Funds Commissioners for the term ending April 30, 1933.

Anders T. Tellstrom, to be a member of the Board of Overseers of the Public Welfare for the term ending April 30, 1933.

Severally placed on file.

MINORS' LICENSES.

Applications were received for minors' licenses from twenty-six vendors, twenty-one newsboys and one bootblack, and it was voted that licenses be granted on the usual conditions.

COMMITTEE ON SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Coun. MAHONEY, for the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, submitted report recommending passage of order for payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the City of Boston for the month of July, 1930.

Report accepted; said order passed.

LOAN FOR WARD 17 PLAYGROUND.

Coun WILSON called up No. 2 on the callendar, unfinished business, viz.:

2. Ordered, That the sum of five thousand dollars be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Park Commissioners for the purchase of land for playground purposes in the vicinity of Dunbar avenue, Ward 17, Dorchester, and for the construction of said playground, and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be, and he hereby is, authorized to issue, from time to time, upon request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston to said amount.

On June 23, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 20, nays 0.

The order was read a second time and again passed, yeas 18, nays 0.

ACCEPTANCE OF CHAPTER 387 OF THE ACTS OF 1930.

Coun. KELLY offered the following:

Ordered, That chapter 387 of the Acts of 1930 entitled, "An Act Relative to Pensioning Certain Members of the Police Department of the City of Boston," be, and the same hereby is, accepted.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PRINTING OF "BOSTON STATISTICS."

Coun. RUBY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Statistics Department be

authorized to have printed for distribution to visitors and persons attending conventions an edition of 10,000 copies of the handbook entitled "Boston Statistics," the expense to be charged to the appropriation for City Documents.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

ENTRIES FOR NOMINATION AS SPIRIT OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Coun. FISH offered the following:

Whereas, The pulchritude of Boston's girlhood is unexcelled by any other city in the country, large or small; and

Whereas, The girls of Boston, blond or brunette, ash-blond or semi-brunette, are all beautiful; and

Whereas, The principles upon which our government is founded call for equality of opportunity for all, with no discrimination as to color or shades of color; be it therefore

Resolved, That the Boston City Council deplores the action of the Boston Tercentenary Committee in limiting the entries for nomination as Spirit of Massachusetts to girls of the brunette type; and be it further

Resolved, That the Boston City Council favors the opening of these entries to all Boston girls, regardless of their shade of complexion, hair or eyes.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

SIDEWALK, MARCELLA STREET.

Coun. ENGLERT offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Marcella street, both sides, from Washington street to Centre street, Ward 11, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

DRINKING FOUNTAIN, CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND, FENWAY NORTH.

Coun. ARNOLD offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install a drinking fountain on the children's playground, Fenway North.

Coun. ARNOLD—Mr. President, on your sort of urging me, I will say a word in regard to this. During the celebration of the great American holiday on last Friday I had very many requests from little children, as well as from parents, that some provision be made for drinking water in that children's playground. It seems to be a most unpardonable oversight that a playground that is devoted entirely ordinarily to very young children and their mothers would not have any drinking water at all. Otherwise, the celebration was a great success, although the band didn't have any bandstand or any chairs to sit on.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

REPAVINGS IN WARD 6.

Coun. MAHONEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving East Third street, from H street to M street, Ward 6.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving West Second street, from Dorchester avenue to Dorchester street, Ward 6.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Fourth street, from Dorchester avenue to Dorchester street, Ward 6.

Severally passed under suspension of the rules.

SIDEWALK, FISHER AVENUE.

Coun. POWER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Fisher avenue, both sides, from Parker street to Hayden street, Ward 10, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

RECESS.

On motion of Coun RUBY, the Council voted to take a recess at 2.30 p. m. The members reassembled in the Council Chamber at 3.05 p. m., and were called to order by President LYNCH.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. MAHONEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted reports, as follows:

1. Report on petition of Daniel Gallagher to be retired, recommending that the petition be granted.

Report accepted and petition granted.

2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) that chapter 223 of the Acts of 1930, entitled, "An Act Relative to Municipal Advertising," be accepted—that order ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

3. Report on order (referred today) that chapter 387 of the Acts of 1930, entitled "An Act Relative to Pensioning Certain Members of the Police Department of the City of Boston," be accepted—that order ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

4. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) for appropriation of \$135,000 for County of Suffolk Jail, Improvements.

The report was accepted and the question came on the passage of the order.

Coun. MURRAY—Mr. President, the reason I feel at this time as I did in executive session is because when we voted a million dollars for Charles street we were all led to believe there were to be no takings. After listening to the councilor from Ward 18 he informed us that the Evans house is being torn down, and that is the reason they have got to go along on the right-hand side of Charles street coming from Cambridge street, and I believe, if there have been takings when we voted there would be no takings, we at least ought to be informed by the Street Commissioners why the change from one side of the street to the other before we vote on this order.

The order was read once and passed, yeas 19, nays, Coun Murray, 1.

5. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) for appropriation of \$7,500 for playground, North End district—that order ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed, yeas 20, nays 0.

6. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) for an appropriation of \$25,000 for municipal advertising—that order ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed yeas 19, nays 0.

APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED.

President LYNCH—The Chair will call up No. 1 on the calendar and appoint Councilors Hein and Arnold to receive, sort and count the ballots.

Coun. WILSON—If there is no objection, also under 6 the name of John P. Shea.

President LYNCH—Councilor Wilson calls up the name of John P. Shea, under No. 6 on the calendar.

The several appointments were confirmed, yeas 16, nays 0.

CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The bond of the following-named constable having been duly approved by the City Treasurer was received, viz.:

George L. Gilbert.

Approved by the Council.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

Coun. BUSH, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following report:

The Committee on Claims, to whom was referred June 23, 1930, the petition of Edward H. Kilday to be reimbursed for amount of execution brought against him on account of his acts as a fireman, having considered the same, respectfully recommends the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the sum of one hundred and forty-one (141) dollars be allowed and paid to Edward H. Kilday in reimbursement for amount of execution brought against him on account of his acts as a fireman, said sum to be charged to the Reserve Fund.

Report accepted; order passed.

EMPLOYMENT OF ALIENS BY CONTRACTORS DOING PUBLIC WORK.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Municipal Employment Bureau, through his Honor the Mayor, be, and hereby is, requested to investigate and report to the City Council forthwith concerning men employed by any and all contractors and subcontractors doing public work for the City of Boston, whether the express provisions of sections 13 to 19, inclusive, of chapter 40 of Revised Ordinances of 1925 are being actually or even approximately complied with by said contractors and subcontractors.

Coun. WILSON—Despite the fact that it is a hot day, and despite the fact that many members of the Council may want to get away—and those who want to get away can get away, even though I present this order at this time—I want to have some consideration, and in detail, given to this particular order. I want my position clearly understood in this matter. In the first place, it is not my intention to criticize the Public Works Commissioner, who, despite the handicap of late action by the Legislature, has already done wonderful work on streets this year. Nor do I criticize my good friend Shields, who has made the Municipal Employment Bureau this year less resemble Death Valley or a study in still life. Finally, I have every assurance that an order such as this will receive the wholehearted support of the present Mayor of the City of Boston, under whose previous administration the ordinance therein referred to was passed, and whose signature it received in 1925. I believe this order, and the idea behind it, should and will receive the support of every city department in the City of Boston. During the past few years the unemployment situation in our country, and especially in New England, and above all in Boston, has become absolutely acute. And when I say unemployment, I mean unemployment of citizen labor. Our first duty is to American labor. And we are falling down on the job, with a city ordinance of 1925 still right on the books and still effective. I am not asking for anything new; I am asking for the enforcement of an ordinance five years old. A sixteen million dollar East Boston tunnel is to mean work, we are told, for hundreds of men. Four hundred and eighty aliens and twenty Americans—or 100 per cent American? The Governor square job. Columbus Park. The biggest street program in a generation; millions of dollars to be spent for streets. Schoolhouse work. Every time this body votes another million dollars we are told it will relieve unemployment. And it does—unemployed aliens. Of course when the contractors who bid on a basis of \$5 a day for citizen labor, and then pay \$3 and \$4 a day for alien labor, can get away with it, even in the face of a prohibiting city ordinance, they will continue to do it. \$1 and \$2 per head per day on a three months' job means real money. It is high time that this city ordinance, that apparently has become obsolete in five short years, should be dug up from a premature grave and put into use

where it will do the most good. I think it is important enough to read, if you will allow me to wipe off the cobwebs and brush off the dust. I will read the provision of that particular ordinance, the details of which are perhaps unfamiliar to some members of the City Council. It is in the Revised Ordinances of 1925, chapter 40, section 13. The paragraph:

"Section 13. No contract shall be made by the city except with—

"(a) individual citizens of the United States;

"(b) corporations or other legal associations wherein the controlling interest to the extent of at least over one-half thereof is owned by a citizen or citizens of the United States.

"Section 14. No person other than a citizen of the United States shall be employed on any public work being done by,—

"(a) the city of Boston;

"(b) any contractor with the city of Boston;

"(c) any subcontractor with such contractor; except that persons not such citizens may be employed in the manner and under the conditions set forth in the following section:

"Section 15. Whenever no citizens of the United States competent to perform the work in question can be had at the prevailing and customary rate of wages, the head of the department having charge of the work in question, with the written approval of the mayor, may issue a written authorization for the employment of such number of persons other than citizens for such time as may be necessary to do the work, provided that no such authorization shall be issued except after compliance with the provisions of the following section:

"Section 16. Before issuing the written authorization provided for in the preceding section, the head of the department having charge of the work or contractor shall give one or more public hearings and shall satisfy himself and certify in writing that the facts exist which warrant the issuance of such authorization. Where the employment is to be by a contractor or subcontractor he shall require a written statement from such contractor or subcontractor to such facts sworn to before a justice of the peace.

"Section 17. It shall be the duty of all heads of departments to cause suitable inspection to be made of all work for which they are severally responsible to ensure compliance with the provisions of the four preceding sections and also to call all breaches thereof to the attention of the proper authorities for prosecution.

"Section 18. Any person, firm or corporation violating any provisions of sections 13, 14, 15 or 16 of this chapter shall be subject to a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars for each offence and a separate offence shall be regarded as committed for every day during which such person, firm or corporation shall continue such violation.

"Section 19. All contracts hereafter made by the city shall contain suitable provisions requiring contractors and subcontractors to comply with the terms of sections 13, 14, 15 and 16 of this chapter and providing that no recovery shall be had on such contracts or subcontracts either against the city or any other person if a breach of said sections has been established."

In other words, whenever no citizens competent to perform the work can be had at the customary rate of wages, the department head may, with the written approval of the Mayor, himself issue written authorization to the contractor or subcontractor to hire aliens for the time necessary to complete that job. But even before that written authority is given, the department head must give one or more public hearings, to satisfy himself that there are no citizens available, and the contractor must certify to that fact under oath before a justice of the peace. If there was ever a public hearing held in this hall to determine the fact that there are no able-bodied citizens available in Boston as laborers at \$5 a day, they would need 10,000 or 15,000 men to help rebuild City Hall after the riot was over. Mr. Shields can tell us whether there are any unemployed laborers in Boston at the present time. The census figures would seem to show some 27,000 men out of work in Boston. It occurs to me that a dozen or so may be citizens. The Boston Post of June 25, 1930, gives the total of unemployed in Boston as 27,360, and states that the average number of unemployed in each ward in the City of Boston amounts to 1,243, with 4,542 in Ward 3 alone. There is a penalty incident to the ordinance I have quoted. In fact, there

are two penalties. One penalty is a voiding of the contract by the city; the other is a fine of \$20 for each separate offence, and every day means a separate offence. The ordinance, so far as I know, is still effective. I should like to see any contractor, affected by its provisions, unAmerican enough even to question its validity, and still expect to get city work from the present Mayor of the City of Boston. We hear stories of a schoolhouse job in Boston where between twenty and thirty aliens are reported to have pooled \$2,000 each to insure a bid big enough to get the job last year, with the guarantee that they therefore would each be guaranteed a year's work and a return of the \$2,000. I understand that the councilor from Charlestown recently lined men up at the Bunker Hill street job, and demanded employment for citizens in preference to alien labor, and won his point. There are college graduates in this city today, with starving families, and these men are ready, able and willing to swing a pick. So I ask that the Employment Bureau, as the most appropriate bureau, check up this situation. On March 25, 1929, I offered the following order in the City Council:

"Ordered, That the Public Works Department, through his Honor the Mayor, advise the City Council forthwith:

"1. Is the customary provision that citizen labor must be employed if available still included in contracts let out by the City of Boston for sewer and street construction?

"2. What are the names and addresses of all individuals or firms now holding contracts from the City of Boston for sewer or street work, and covering work on what streets?

"3. On each job now in process, what number of laborers are employed by each contractor and how many of such laborers on each job are aliens?"

I offered a similar order with reference to the Schoolhouse Department on April 29, 1929. On the Oakland street, Dorchester, job in the spring of 1929, it appeared that seven out of seventeen men were aliens; and on Morton street ten out of sixteen men were reported to be aliens, then working on that city job. Let the workers be paid wages out of the money of the Boston taxpayers, but my request is to give citizens of this country the right-of-way. I mean business on this particular order, gentlemen, and after its passage, which I now earnestly urge, I propose to offer a companion order which I feel will show that we mean business.

Coun. NORTON—Mr. Chairman, I agree fully with what the councilor from Dorchester has said. I agree with his ideas on the unemployment situation. There is one note in his address that I didn't agree with. He has quoted the official United States Census figures, as given out here in Boston, showing 27,000 people out of work in Boston on April 1 of this year. I would like to call attention to the fact that on April 1 of this year, under an order that I introduced here in the Council, the city police of Boston reported 41,500 people admitted that they were wage-earners and out of work. The very same month, perhaps the very same day, the very same week, these United States Census figures, also asking how many people were out of work in the various homes of Boston, reported 27,000. Now, I submit, Mr. President, that when a police officer goes to a home in uniform and knocks on the door and leaves his card, there is just a sense of pride in every human breast. The average wife or mother does not like to admit to a police officer that one of her own is out of work, and when 41,000 odd people in Boston admit they are out of work at the very same time that the United States Census enumerators in civilian clothes report 27,000 out of work, there is a serious error there. We have questioned the figures of the census enumerators on the matter of population in the various wards. Here is a direct disagreement between the figures of the United States census report and the figures of the Boston Police Department. When a policeman in uniform reports 41,000 odd people out of work here in Boston on the first day of April, and these census takers, working for Uncle Sam in civilian clothes, report 27,000, I ask any fairminded body which figure is correct. Judging by the reports of our Employment Bureaus and our social and philanthropic agencies, we not only have 41,000 out of work, but, as I told the Mayor of Boston,

if 41,000 people admit to a police officer of Boston that they are out of work, then surely there must be 75,000 more out of work.

The order was passed under suspension of the rules.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the director of the Municipal Employment Bureau, through his Honor the Mayor, report in writing to the Corporation Council of the City of Boston for prosecution or other appropriate action the names of any persons, firms or corporations violating the provisions of sections 13 to 19, inclusive, of chapter 40 of the Revised Ordinances of 1925, on and after July 14.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I was interested to hear the figures advanced by the councilor from Hyde Park, whose figures I agree are probably more accurate than those reported by the census manipulators of last spring, and, taking his figures of at least 41,000 men, I again press the point that probably a large number of that 41,000 are citizens. I say again, good luck to the alien who comes to these shores, even though he does not take the oath of allegiance to this country, if there are jobs and no citizens out of work. But I say where the City of Boston, with \$16,000,000 to be spent on the tunnel and \$3,000,000 or \$4,000,000 on Governor square and \$1,000,000 on streets and various improvements—where the City of Boston proposed in the next twelve months to a year and a half to spend upwards of fifty millions of the taxpayers' money on real work with the pick and shovel, I say the citizens of the City of Boston ought to get the break, and I say it is high time where there is a city ordinance on the books of the City of Boston, passed as long ago as 1925, in the last year of the most recent administration of Mayor Curley, the time has come to put some teeth in that ordinance and get down to business. I suggest with reference to the order that has just been passed, that one excellent idea that Mr. Shields of the Municipal Employment Bureau could use—and it is an idea advanced by Councilor Cox—is that he should at once demand from every contractor doing work for the City of Boston the names and voting residence, if any of them have any voting residence, of the aliens now doing work for practically every city contractor in the City of Boston. I say run these aliens to cover, and that is why I press the passage of this additional order, under suspension of the rules, giving them one week, seven days, starting next Monday, even if we have to put some men to work down in Mr. Shields' office. When these contractors get jobs from the City of Boston on the basis of five dollars a day for citizens and then go out and hire aliens for two or three dollars a day, it is time we had a "showdown."

Coun. FITZGERALD—I think the order offered by the gentleman from Dorchester may be all right, but a place to start a reform is right here where these contracts are given out. It has always seemed very strange to me that men are allowed to take contracts for the same money that was paid twenty years ago, when the highest price paid to a laborer and the highest price paid to a city employee was \$2 a day. How they can give those contracts out now for the same amount of money that was paid twenty years ago has been a mystery to me. I think the reform should start right here in City Hall. I don't know what the Employment Bureau can do about this. If they know these engineers and these men in charge of these contracts that these men are taking, it would be very interesting to read over some of these figures in the city records. I saw where they had asked for bids a second time on one job, the East Boston Courthouse, I think it was. Some of the bids had been reduced \$30,000 to \$40,000 when the second bids came around. Now, who is responsible? We hear a lot of "blah" in the newspaper headlines about this contract and that contract being given out at a certain price. Take this fire station in the West End. That is a mystery to me. It has been going on for years. It is hardly near completion now. Certainly that man must be losing money on it. If he is not, he must be a martyr to the cause, and it is no nearer completion. A month ago they started on the Telephone Building, and it is going up by leaps and bounds, and will probably be finished and open and occupied before the fire station will be ready to be occupied. The reform ought to start here. I would like to know what the Employment Bureau is going to do about it, how they are going to

remedy this situation. Right after we hear a lot of talk here about competent inspectors, a wall collapsed. The thing has been hushed up. Had it happened in the evening, with a lot of people hanging around, sitting around talking, all would have been killed. The entire wall on one side of the building came down, and men competent in the building game know why it came down? How do we know when the apparatus gets in there that the entire structure will not come down? They may satisfy the defects by that time. I hope they will. But something is rotten. We know that the old, reliable contractors have been driven out of business overnight. Men who had records for the work they did. You ask why certain big firms erecting big office buildings cannot compete on city work. There must be a reason for it, but I don't think you can find it in the Employment Bureau. It ought to be found right here. These men who have these contracts must be made to explain how they can do that work for the price they bid on it.

Coun. NORTON—The councilor from the West End reminds me of one of my favorite topics, and that is the question of the automatic machine. In the next year contracts are going to be let amounting to millions of dollars, and I want you to know how few men are actually put to work under these contracts amounting to millions in the City of Boston. There is the great question of today, colleagues—not Prohibition, not the Tariff, not the London Naval Conference, but the great question of this day is the question of unemployment, due to the intrusion of automatic machinery among the forty-five million workers of America. That is the great question in America today, and next year you will see it become predominant—not Prohibition, not the Tariff, but bread. And as we watch these millions of dollars being spent, just observe how few men are employed. Walk over here to South Boston, the Strandway, where the Tomasello job is going on, and you will not count fifty men, where over a million dollars is being spent. Later on, Mr. President, I would like to introduce an order to the effect that the Mayor of Boston be requested that where possible he ask the department heads to eliminate the automatic machine, the automatic digger, the automatic pipelayer and put in their place some of these men we are now paying from the City Poor Department to do the work. Lay off the automatic machine as long as there are home-owners and family heads out of work. I am not against the automatic machine, but I want you to recognize it is an acute, a chronic problem. I suppose the greatest study of that problem has been given to it in contemporaneous times by the United States Senator from New York, a former Justice of the New York Supreme Court, Senator Charles Wagner. He says this—and this is to the Senate of the United States:

"This is not only an acute problem, but my research, my study of the unemployment problem in America, shows it not only to be acute, but chronic. And it will not be over this year or next year. And not only is it indigenous to America, but it is world-wide, wherever industry takes the strategic place in the life of a nation."

Germany, said Senator Wagner, with 1,600,000 men, for the rest of this generation to live on a dole. The thirteenth nation in all Europe, and one of the thrifty nations of all time, the present German nation! In England over 800,000 people today depending upon a dole that averages twenty-five cents a day for food! The difference between starvation and living! This world-wide condition is here. You are going to see more of it in the headlines of the newspapers. You are going to have more people come to you seeking employment, and even you men who have served the city for so many years in political life, while you may have gone through past periods when unemployment was acute—I am going to predict to you, gentlemen, that this present problem that is here now will be here for many years, and as the months go by it will become more acute. I am going to introduce, a little later on, an order that his Honor the Mayor be asked that where possible on city work, where these millions are being spent, they eliminate the automatic machines that eliminate the hand labor of the workers.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I listened with some interest to the remarks of the gentleman from Hyde Park, who was not here under the last

administration, under whose leadership in this city the machine of business allowing alien labor to get a foothold in this city was operating—a machine not run by gasoline or coal. I agree with much that he said with reference to the incoming of the machine and its driving of hand labor out of the fields of industry here in Boston. But I still insist that on a job such as the East Boston job, a job such as the Governor square job, on street improvements aggregating anywhere from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000 hundreds of men can be put to work, or at work, and will be put to work. The reason that I named the director of the Employment Bureau is because he is paid for that duty. He has a staff of assistants down there. That is where you and I and the next councilor send a man for a job, and if there is one department in the City of Boston that ought to know how many citizens are out of work in Boston today, and probably does know, it is the Employment Bureau, vested with real authority to go around, like you or I cannot go around, to a contractor and back him up to a wall with a figurative gun and say,—"I am placed in charge by the Mayor of the City of Boston of the unemployed of this city. As an official of the City of Boston I want, in writing, within twenty minutes, the names and voting residence of every man that you have on a job working for the City of Boston, and I further say to you, right up against the wall, that if you do not file this information with me before next Monday we will have prosecutions brought against you by the Corporation Counsel of the City of Boston." That is why I send it to Mr. Shields, because he has got some official sanction. That is why I say to Mr. Shields, "You have got authority to back these 'babies' to the wall, and make them either hire citizens to do the work of this city or go out of business." [Applause.]

Coun. COX—Mr. President, I am very much interested in this order. I was rather interested to learn what the councilman from Dorchester read about city inspectors seeing that this ordinance was enforced. Evidently the inspectors have not seen that it was enforced. I suggested to the councilor from Dorchester that the inspector on the job, on the contract, get from the contractor a list of those employed on the job, because he is in a position to know whether or not there are twenty men or thirty men; he is in a position to check up that list and to furnish that list to Mr. Shields, and thereby get some teeth into the thing. It seems to me that it is not any more than right that citizens should have the preference, but unless you get some teeth into the ordinance it will not amount to anything. I think if the city inspectors on the job were compelled to furnish a list of those employed on the job and their voting residences, there would be a chance to check up and find out whether or not they were citizens.

Coun. MAHONEY—It is only about a month or six weeks ago that I introduced an order before this Council here, requesting his Honor the Mayor to order contractors doing work for the City of Boston to employ not only citizens of New England, but citizens of Boston and registered voters of Boston, and I am still waiting for a reply from him.

Coun. KELLY—I might say that my colleague from Dorchester has introduced one of the finest orders I have heard here so far in my short six months that I have served as a representative of the public from Ward 15. I want to say [further that people, men and women, and especially the fathers of families, with four or five children apiece, have come to my home and asked me what I could do for them in the line of getting them employment by some contractor who is living from the city's pocketbook. I have given them letters to some of these contractors, and they go down to the contractors, and some of the contractors are not even kind enough to grant them an interview. They come back to me and say, "All right, we went down to see him, but he refused to see us," or, "He said, 'There is nothing doing!'" And, as Mr. Wilson said, there are plenty of alien laborers on these different jobs. And, as I said, it is one of the best orders that has ever been introduced here.

Coun. GREEN—Mr. President, I might say I am fully in accord with everything the councilor from Dorchester has said on this situation, but I also agree with my colleague, the councilor on my left, because I think a lot of this is due to the underbidding of contracts. I have talked about the Medford street contract, for instance. That

street is less than four years old, and still the contractor that laid out the street is over there repairing probably 150 holes because the body is not in the street. The city experts estimated the cost of that job at \$125,000, but the contractor did the job at \$80,000 or \$84,000. The work is not properly done. I am not going to say anything about the employment of aliens. Almost every member of this Council knows that is going on. The citizen is not getting a break. Everything Councilor Wilson says is the truth, but everything that Councilor Fitzgerald says is also the truth. It is the underbidding of these jobs, and taking it out of the hearts and bodies of those men. That is the biggest item in a contract—labor. They are supposed to pay those men \$5 a day and they are working them at \$3. They are working the heart's blood out of those men, and I think that something radical should be done.

Coun. NORTON—Mr. President, there has been a suggestion by my colleague that we place teeth in this law. It comes to me that Kansas City has a law with reference to aliens working on city work. Any citizen of Kansas City who reports an alien working on city work and that report is proved to be correct, is paid \$5 by the City Treasurer. It might be possible that we would clean up a lot of this alien situation as regards municipal work if we placed some practical provision in this so-called ordinance.

President LYNCH—Councilor Wilson moves the suspension of the rules and the passage of the order.

The order was passed under suspension of the rules.

On motion of Coun. RUBY it was voted that when the Council adjourn, it adjourn to meet two weeks from today.

On motion of Coun. ARNOLD the Council voted to adjourn at 3.45 p. m., to meet on Monday, July 21, 1930, at 2 p. m.

CORRECTED REMARKS OF COUNCILOR CURTIS AS APPEARING ON PAGE 220 OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

Mr. President, this is simply an order requesting the Traffic Commissioner to give consideration to this matter. It seems to me that if there is one obstruction to traffic in our streets which is entirely unnecessary and inexcusable, it is that caused by the stopping of vehicles when obstructed by traffic ahead of them in such a manner as to block traffic through an intersecting street. When traffic is obstructed on a street, vehicles will pile up one behind the other in such a manner as to obstruct cross streets frequently a block or two away from the crossing where the traffic is held up. Certainly if a vehicle is going to have to stop anyway it might as well stop a few feet back and leave the crossing clear, and it is inexcusable for vehicles to push ahead and block the crossing. Frequently they will not even let the cross-traffic through when they could do so by moving forward or backward a few feet. I know that this occurs very frequently in Ward 5, as it does, of course, all over the city. For example, vehicles going down Mt. Vernon street, which is now an important traffic artery, are frequently unable to cross Charles street although Mt. Vernon street itself beyond Charles street is perfectly clear merely because traffic on Charles street has been held up at the crossing at Beacon street and a line of traffic has piled up and blocked the intersection at Mt. Vernon street.

This order merely requests the Traffic Commissioner to give this matter consideration, and if deemed advisable, to issue an order that it should be the duty of drivers in such cases where traffic is obstructed ahead of them, not to stop on a crossing, thereby blocking traffic along the intersecting street also. I was going to suggest that we pass an ordinance to that effect, but the clerk tells me that under the 1929 Act the matter is under the control of the Traffic Commission. So this is merely a request that they take up the matter. I move a suspension of the rule and the passage of the order.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council

Monday, July 21, 1930.

Regular meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President LYNCH in the chair. Absent, Coun. Arnold and Dowd.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

The following were received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 21, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—Subject to the confirmation of your honorable body I appoint as Constables, for the term ending April 30, 1931, the following:

Robert T. Blunden, 7 Dewey street, Roxbury;
Edward J. Farrell, 39 Hewlett street, Roslindale;
George W. Long, 48 Monument square, Charlestown.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Laid over for one week under the law.

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 21, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—Subject to the confirmation of your honorable body I appoint as Weighers of Coal, for the term ending April 30, 1931, the following:

Mary B. Kirley, 208 Florence street, Roslindale;
William T. Kirley, 208 Florence street, Roslindale;
Sara L. Cleary, 33 Ridge street, Roslindale;
John D. Garvey, 294 Metropolitan avenue, Roslindale;
Paul J. Richenburg, 474 Poplar street, Roslindale.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Laid over for one week under the law.

BUILDING RESTRICTIONS, COLUMBIA ROAD.

The following was received.

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 16, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I beg to return herewith, without my approval, amendment to Ordinances adopted by the City Council under date of June 30, 1930.

The proposition in question has been submitted on three previous occasions during the administration of my predecessor, in 1928, in 1929, and two days before the expiration of his administration on January 4, 1930. In his veto of this particular measure my predecessor, the Hon. Malcolm E. Nichols, stated that "It is the opinion of the Park Department the area between Dorchester avenue and Buttonwood street should remain restricted, to which I concur."

In addition to the opinion as handed down by the Park Department a lengthy protest has been received from the pastor of St. Margaret's Church, located upon the adjoining corner. The church in question, in addition to its religious activities, conducts a school for the children in this vicinity, and in their opinion, in which I concur, the development for business purposes of this particular section and the probable installation of a filling station would constitute a menace in a section of the city where the traffic congestion is great and where relief rather than burdens should be provided for the amelioration of existing conditions.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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SALARY OF CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 16, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I return herewith, without my approval, order adopted by your honorable body under date of June 30, 1930, upon recommendation of the Chief Justice of the Municipal Court of the City of Boston, providing for an increase in the salary of the chief probation officer.

In 1908 the salary attached to this position was \$2,000 a year, in 1920, \$4,000 a year, and it is now \$5,600 a year.

There has been a considerable extension in the activities of the probation division of the court during this period but it seems evident that the salary of the chief officer has more than kept pace with the extension of the department.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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EMPLOYMENT OF ALIENS.

The following were received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 9, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I beg to inform your honorable body that I have this day advised the Director of the Municipal Employment Bureau to forward to the Corporation Counsel the names of all contractors who are violating the provisions of sections 13 to 19, inclusive, of chapter 40 of the Revised Ordinances of 1925, for such action as he deems necessary in the premises.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 9, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—In reply to the order of your honorable body passed on July 7, 1930, requesting that the Director of the Municipal Employment Bureau investigate and report to the City Council concerning men employed by contractors and subcontractors doing public work for the city whether the provisions of sections 13 to 19, inclusive, of chapter 40 of the Revised Ordinances of 1925 are being complied with by said contractors and subcontractors, I advise your honorable body that the director has informed me that he has in every case of violation of the ordinance, which has been called to his attention by the Public Works Department, taken the necessary steps to correct the situation and has notified the contractor in every instance to replace all alien employees with citizens. In all cases, I am informed by him, his request has been complied with.

Your body must appreciate that it is with some difficulty that the information as to whether an employee is an alien or citizen has been ascertained. Misinformation and concealment of the facts in many instances are some of the obstacles which must be overcome. However, everything possible is being done to bring about a compliance with the order.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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CHAIN STORES, AMERICAN STANDARDS OF EMPLOYMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 21, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you reports received from the First National Stores, Inc., Economy Grocery Stores, The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company, relative to American standards of employment. This is in reply to your order of June 23, 1930.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

First National Stores, Inc.,
5 Middlesex Ave.,
Somerville, Mass., July 9, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

My dear Mayor,—Under date of July 2 your secretary, C. A. Reardon, inclosed to me a copy of an order recently adopted by the City Council, and suggested that you would appreciate my advice in connection therewith.

As far as First National Stores, Inc., is concerned, the accusations directed by Councilor Wilson neither can nor do apply to our company. If we had an executive who discharged a man because he was called upon for jury service, the executive who discharged the man would himself be discharged. Because of the large number of employees we have, approximately 9,000, there is hardly a time when courts are in session that one or more of our employees are not engaged in jury service, and to my knowledge there has never been a single instance of discharge by reason of such absence—or ever will be.

In reference to American standards of working conditions, I am confident that the wages paid our employees are greater and the hours they work are less than those of the organizations to which Councilor Wilson suggests transferring the orders of the Department of Public Welfare. I do not know where Councilor Wilson secured his information but as far as our company is concerned it does not apply, and he is as far wrong in this instance as he was at the time he stated that I was "masquerading" under an assumed name.

Were the conditions as represented by Councilor Wilson to prove true in any case, I would not consider him out of order in promoting such an order, even though it might subject the city to many thousands of dollars of additional expense in the department.

Sincerely yours,
C. F. ADAMS.

The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company,
New England Division,
Headquarters, Boston, Mass., July 3, 1930.
Mr. C. A. Reardon,
Secretary to the Mayor.

Dear Sir,—I have your letter of July 2 with copy of order adopted by the Boston City Council attached.

It seems only fair that purchases paid for by the City Government should be made through organizations maintaining what we term to be "American standards of employment." We interpret this phrase to mean the payment of a reasonably high salary for the type of work carried on; the maintenance of hours of labor consistent with the type of business being done; and the policy on the part of the officials of making working conditions for its employees as pleasant and comfortable as circumstances will permit.

We are heartily in accord with the thought of his Honor the Mayor in this matter.

Yours very truly,
W. J. DAVIDSON,
THE GREAT ATLANTIC & PACIFIC TEA
COMPANY.

Economy Grocery Stores Corporation,
205 A Street, Boston, July 7, 1930.
Mr. C. A. Reardon,
Secretary to the Mayor.

Dear Mr. Reardon,—Thank you for your letter of July 2 with inclosure.

We thoroughly concur with the order passed by the City Council on June 23. We are very pleased to advise you that our concern recognizes and uses the American standard of employment. If there is any further information you desire from us as to any details of our company we shall be very pleased to hear from you.

With kindest regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,
ECONOMY GROCERY STORES CORPORATION,
by S. RABINOVITZ.
S. RABINOVITZ.

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IMPROVEMENTS, WORLD WAR MEMORIAL PARK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 21, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, regarding your request for granolithic walks and the installation of electric current at the bath house at World War Memorial Park. This is in reply to your orders of June 23, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, July 10, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I have Council orders requesting an appropriation of \$10,000 for the installation of electric current and other improvements at World War Memorial Park.

The appropriation for the bath house and beach did not allow for the installation by the Edison Company of the current from Neptune road to the bath house for which they expect \$7,000. The bath house has been wired and no money is available for laying the conduit by the Edison Company, for which they want \$6,500.

In order for a granolithic walk to extend from Neptune road to the beach \$10,000 would be sufficient for these improvements.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.
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DRINKING FOUNTAIN, FENWAY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 21, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, relative to your request for a drinking fountain in the Children's Corner, Fenway. This is in reply to your order of July 7, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, July 10, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I am in receipt of your order from the City Council that the Park Commissioners be requested to install a drinking fountain in the Children's Corner, Fenway.

I have this day issued orders to have same installed at the earliest possible moment.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.
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FENCE, DROHAN PARK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 21, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, relative to your request for a fence around the square on Edison green, known as Drohan Park. This is in reply to your order of June 23, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, July 10, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I have your order from the City Council that the Park Commission be requested to place a suitable fence around the square on Edison green, known as Drohan Park, and regret exceedingly to inform you there are no funds available for this purpose at the present time.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.
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SPOFFORD ROAD EXTENSION

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 21, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, regarding your request to extend Spofford road to Commonwealth avenue. This is in reply to your order of June 23, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, July 10, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I have your order from the City Council that the Park Commission be requested to extend Spofford road to the main roadway on Commonwealth avenue by means of a roadway crossing the street-car reservation.

The Board of Park Commissioners feel that an additional crossing at this location is not desirable in consideration of public safety and convenience. The present arrangement on this boulevard, with its center roadway free from frequent vehicular crossings, is conducive of a free and uninterrupted flow of travel along this boulevard; this, coupled with similar conditions in regard to car reservation are also conducive of rapid transit by surface car trains, both of which methods of travel the traveling public are continually clamoring to have kept free from interruption tending to cause delay as would be occasioned if added crossings were allowed. It would also have a tendency to increase the grade crossing dangers. It also means additional dangers to operators of motor vehicles. There is no doubt but it would be a convenience to some, but the question arises, Will the added convenience offset for the additional dangers and delays? In the opinion of the Board of Park Commissioners it would not.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

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BATHING BEACH, WEST END.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 21, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, regarding your request for plans for a bathing beach and park in the vicinity of Leverett and Nashua streets. This is in reply to your order of June 30, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, July 10, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I am in receipt of your order from the City Council that the Park Commissioners furnish the City Council, at the earliest possible date, with a plan for the proper development, for a bathing beach and park, of the land in the vicinity of Leverett and Nashua streets.

At the present time the Park Department has in its office a study which does not include a bathing beach. It is not the intention of the commissioners to recommend a bathing beach at this point. The area is to be developed for park and playground purposes and the studies will be completed as soon as the War Department will indicate the shore line.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

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TENEAN BEACH BATH HOUSE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 21, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, regarding your request for a

siren on Tenean Beach bath house. This is in reply to your order of June 30, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, July 11, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I am in receipt of your order from the City Council that the Park Commissioners be requested to install a siren on Tenean Beach bath house.

I regret exceedingly to inform you I have no money available for this purpose.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

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ST. LUKES ROAD EXTENSION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 21, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, relative to extending St. Lukes road to Commonwealth avenue. This is in reply to your order of June 23, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, July 10, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I have your order from the City Council that the Park Commission be requested to extend St. Lukes road to the main roadway of Commonwealth avenue by means of a roadway crossing the street-car reservation.

The Board of Park Commissioners feel that an additional crossing at this location is not desirable in consideration of public safety and convenience. The present arrangement on this boulevard with its center roadway free from frequent vehicular crossings, is conducive of a free and uninterrupted flow of travel along this boulevard; this, coupled with similar conditions in regard to car reservation are also conducive of rapid transit by surface car trains, both of which methods of travel the traveling public are continually clamoring to have kept free from interruption tending to cause delay as would be occasioned if added crossings were allowed. It would also have a tendency to increase the grade crossing dangers. It also means additional dangers to operators of motor vehicles.

There is no doubt but it would be a convenience to some, but the question arises, Will the added convenience offset for the additional dangers and delays? In the opinion of the Board of Park Commissioners, it would not.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

Placed on file.

ROOF GARDEN ON ENGINE HOUSE,
BRIGHTON.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 21, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Hon. Edward F. McLaughlin, Fire Commissioner, regarding your request for a roof garden at the house of Engine 41, Chestnut Hill avenue, Brighton. This is in reply to your order of May 12, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston
Fire Department, July 15, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I return herewith an order from the City Council, requesting that a roof garden be established on the quarters of Engine 41, Chestnut Hill avenue, Brighton. I assume this order refers to the quarters of Engine Company 29, the new station in Brighton.

I submit below extracts from the report of the Superintendent of Maintenance, in regard to the subject of a roof garden on this building:

At the time the plans were drawn for this building the question of a roof garden was brought to the attention of former Fire Commissioner Eugene C. Hultman and he decided that inasmuch as the new house was to have a large yard adjacent, which would have adequate sunlight and air for the rest and recreation of the men attached to the company, that there would not be a roof garden embodied in the plans.

"He remarked at the time that he would not object to the men using the yard for the purpose of recreation and further stated that this was the only company in the department which would have such a commodious yard and that the roof garden would not be necessary.

"This will necessitate the construction of a pent-house on the roof and the cutting of a hole through the concrete roof slab. This cutting of the hole will require additional steel reinforcements on account of the type of construction."

In my opinion the roof garden is not necessary on this building at the present time.

Yours very truly,

EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN,
Fire Commissioner.

Placed on file.

PLAYGROUND, BRAINERD ROAD.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 21, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, relative to the approximate cost of making suitable for use as a playground, land on Brainerd road, Ward 21, now owned by the School Department. This is in reply to your order of June 23, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, July 11, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I am in receipt of your order from the City Council that the Park Commission advise the Boston City Council the approximate cost of making suitable for use as a playground, and the erection of a shelter house, on land on Brainerd road, Ward 21, now owned by the School Department.

The land in question contains 26,000 feet and in the opinion of the Board of Park Commissioners it would be inadvisable to take such land for playground purposes and erecting a shelter house thereon, as the area is insufficient for this section of the city.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

Placed on file.

BRIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 21, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Louis K. Rourke, Superintendent of School Buildings, relative to conditions at the new Brighton High School. This is in reply to your order of June 23, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Department of School Buildings,
July 3, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—In reference to the following order of the City Council:

"Ordered, That the Superintendent of Schoolhouse Construction be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to report to the City Council:

"First: Who was the inspector for the old Schoolhouse Commission on the new Brighton High School?

"Second: Who did the excavating for the contractor?

"Third: What became of the loam which was taken from the site?

"Fourth: What has been done to keep moisture out of the building for the last three months?"

I desire to reply as follows:

First: The clerk of works was William G. Tonner.

Second: The New England Rock Excavating Company did the excavating for the general contractor, the Rugo Construction Company, Inc.

Third: The clerk of works reports that the loam was stacked on the schoolhouse grounds by the contractor as directed by letter from the former Board of Schoolhouse Commissioners.

Fourth: The clerk of works states that temporary heat was kept on the building up to May 8, 1930. Since that time the building has been ventilated by means of opening of windows when weather conditions were favorable.

Respectfully yours,
LOUIS K. ROURKE,
Superintendent.

Placed on file.

LAND FOR AIRPORT PURPOSES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 21, 1930.
To the Honorable the City Council.

Gentlemen,—By the provisions of chapter 53 of the Resolves of 1930 the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is authorized to lease certain additional lands to the City of Boston for airport purposes. Before I can execute this lease in behalf of the city it is necessary that your honorable body authorize me so to do. I am, therefore, inclosing herewith a copy of an order to be passed by your body, giving me such authority.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Whereas, By a lease dated August 10, 1928, the City of Boston leased from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts certain land and flats situated at Jeffries Point, East Boston, which are more fully described in said lease; and

Whereas, By the provisions of chapter 53 of the Resolves of 1930 the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is authorized to lease additional land for airport purposes; now, therefore, it is

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized in the name and behalf of the City of Boston to lease from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts certain lands and flats lying easterly of the premises referred to above as having been leased by the City of Boston, and to execute and deliver all papers necessary for the consummation of said lease.

Referred to Committee on Public Lands.

FIRES OUTSIDE OF BOSTON.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 17, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—Chapter 250 of the Acts of 1925 authorizes the fire department of a city to aid in extinguishing fires in another city or town provided such authority is granted by the Board of Aldermen or other governing body. This chapter also provides that members of the fire department rendering such aid shall have the same privileges and immunities as if the duty were performed in their own city.

The City of Boston has had for some time a mutual aid agreement with the cities and towns bordering on Boston in relation to responding jointly to border boxes, and in addition the Boston Fire Department on many occasions has furnished apparatus at conflagrations outside the city and sometimes outside the state.

Presumably the object of the act is to legalize such assistance and to protect the members of the Fire Department while working at fires outside of the city.

I think it advisable that an ordinance to make

effective the provisions of the act, substantially in the form herewith submitted, should be adopted by the City Council.

Respectfully yours,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

An Ordinance Concerning the Fire Department.
Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Chapter fifteen of the Revised Ordinances of 1925 is hereby amended by inserting after section five the following new section:

Section 5A. The commissioner may furnish, on such occasions and to such extent as he may deem advisable, the assistance of the department to another city, town, or fire district, in extinguishing fires therein.

Referred to Committee on Ordinances.

CENTRE STREET WIDENING AND RECONSTRUCTION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 21, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—On June 2, 1930, your honorable body passed a loan order of \$1,100,000 for the widening and reconstruction of Centre street, which order was approved by me. Chapter 248 of the Acts of 1929 which authorized this improvement provides that the loan shall not be authorized unless a sum equal to 10 per cent of it is voted from taxes or other sources of revenue. It further provides that the 10 per cent to be voted from taxes must be voted in the year in which the loan is authorized.

In 1929 the Council voted the necessary 10 per cent from taxes but refused to pass the loan order. If this year's loan is to be effective it is necessary to provide the sum of \$110,000 from this year's taxes and I accordingly recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the sum of \$110,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Board of Street Commissioners for Centre street, in accordance with chapter 248 of the Acts of 1929, and the amount so appropriated be raised by taxation on the polls and estates in the City of Boston.

Coun. MURRAY—Mr. President, I would like to have the rules suspended so that we can start Centre street. We have been fighting for years to get it started. We passed the 10 per cent levy once, and I believe if we passed this under a suspension of the rules we could start work immediately.

President LYNCH—If the councilor is willing, I might suggest that we refer this order to the Executive Committee.

Coun. MURRAY—I would like to have the rule suspended.

Coun. WILSON—In view of the fact that the councilor who made the request was the same gentleman who two weeks ago suggested that all matters be sent to committees, I think we might meet him half-way, and I suggest that it be sent to Executive.

Coun. Murray's motion to suspend the rules was lost and the order was referred to the Executive Committee.

SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 21, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I submit herewith for consideration by your honorable body a supplementary budget totaling \$827,371.11. The important items making up this total are shown in the following table:

Public Welfare Department.....	\$500,000 00
Soldiers' Relief Department.....	125,777 39
Tercentenary Celebration.....	50,000 00
Other city departments.....	73,231 09
County departments.....	48,362 63
	\$797,371 11
Water Service (income).....	30,000 00
Grand total.....	\$827,371 11

PUBLIC WELFARE.

The expenditures of the Public Welfare Department for dependent aid during the first six months of this year show an increase of approximately 40 per cent over similar expenditures during the same period in 1929. Up to June 30 last year, expenditures for dependent aid totaled \$885,-389.58, whereas the expenditures during the same period this year total \$1,290,333.19. If this percentage of increase is maintained for the balance of the year there will exist at the close of the year a deficit in the appropriation for dependent aid of approximately \$675,000. The chairman of the Board of Overseers has requested that a supplementary appropriation to meet this probable deficit be provided. Believing, however, that it may be possible through various public works to afford employment to a number of men now on the rolls of the department and in this way effect a reduction in the welfare disbursements of the department, I have reduced the supplementary request to \$500,000.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

The disbursements of the Soldiers' Relief Department have naturally been affected by the economic depression prevalent throughout the country. In the first six months of the current year expenditures for soldiers' relief have totaled \$222,413.93, whereas during the same period last year the total was \$160,834.86. These figures show an average monthly increase in expenditures over last year of \$10,000 per month. Assuming that this rate of increase will be maintained for the balance of the year, I have included in my supplementary budget recommendations and appropriations of \$125,000 for soldiers' relief.

TERCENTENARY CELEBRATION.

The budget of the current year contained an initial appropriation of \$75,000 to cover the expenses in connection with the official observance by the city of the Tercentenary. It was hoped that this appropriation, supplemented by donations to be secured from private citizens, would be sufficient to provide an adequate and proper celebration of this historical event. To date, however, returns from private sources have not measured up to expectations; hence, I deem it expedient to recommend at this time a supplementary appropriation of \$50,000.

OTHER CITY DEPARTMENTS.

Among the more important appropriations recommended for city departments are the following:

Hospital Department.

An appropriation of \$3,716.09 to permit the establishment at the City Hospital of a surgical research division for the investigation of surgical problems.

Child Welfare Division.

An appropriation of \$5,000 made necessary by an increase in the number of children under the care of the division.

Long Island Hospital.

An appropriation of \$5,000 for emergency repairs on the boiler plant of the institution made necessary by the breaking down of the boilers installed last year at the hospital.

Police Department.

An appropriation of \$16,800 to permit the modernizing of department records, the purchase of a camera and photographic outfit for the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, and instruction of the personnel of the department in rifle, machine gun and revolver work at the rifle range in Wakefield.

Public Works Department.

An appropriation of \$4,000 to cover additional street lights already authorized, and \$15,000 for highway materials to be used by department forces in the paving of city streets and \$6,000 for necessary dredging in connection with sewer outlets.

COUNTY DEPARTMENTS.

The important county appropriations are as follows:

Jail.

\$2,400 for repairs and alterations made necessary by the widening of Charles street.

Superior Civil Court.

\$5,000 additional for jurors made necessary by extra sessions of the court.

Superior Criminal Court.

\$20,500 largely for expenses likely to be incurred by the office of the District Attorney in its search for Oliver B. Garrett.

Municipal Court.

\$4,750 representing the cost for the balance of the year of salary increases granted by the Legislature for the chief justices and associate justices of the court.

District Court of Chelsea.

\$1,633.33 allowed at the request of the presiding justice because of increased business and activity.

House of Correction.

\$7,796.47 to meet increased pension requirements and increased disbursements for care of dependents.

WATER SERVICE.

The appropriation recommended under this heading is to be made from water income, therefore it does not enter into the tax rate of the current year. It is to cover high-pressure fire hydrants ordered in 1929, and for which an appropriation was available at that time. Delay in the manufacture of the hydrants prevented delivery until this year, and since no appropriation was included in the original budget of the Water Division a supplementary appropriation is now necessary.

I submit herewith the necessary appropriation and tax orders in connection with this supplementary budget and respectfully recommend adoption of the budget and these orders by your honorable body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

SUPPLEMENTARY DEPARTMENT ESTIMATES AND AMOUNTS ALLOWED BY MAYOR FOR 1930.

	Estimate.	Allowance.
Assessing Department.....	\$6,000 00	\$5,000 00
Building Department.....	1,100 00	
Collecting Department.....	1,550 00	1,550 00
Election Department.....	3,995 00	3,995 00
Hospital Department.....	52,116 09	3,716 09
Institutions Department:		
Central Office.....	43 88	
Child Welfare Division.....	6,000 00	5,000 00
Long Island Hospital.....	5,789 03	5,000 00
Steamer "George A. Hibbard" and Launch "James J. Minot".....	5,686 37	5,000 00
Law Department.....	2,083 33	1,200 00
Mayor, Office Expenses.....	300 00	300 00
Tercentenary Celebration.....	75,000 00	50,000 00
Police Department.....	20,838 90	16,800 00
Public Buildings Department.....	1,450 00	670 00
Public Welfare Department, Central Office.....	675,000 00	500,000 00
Public Works Department:		
Lighting Service.....	4,000 00	4,000 00
Paving Service.....	30,000 00	15,000 00
Sanitary Service.....	22,000 00	
Sewer Service.....	11,105 00	6,000 00
Soldiers' Relief Department.....	150,877 39	125,777 39
Street Laying-Out Department.....	1,860 00	
	<u>\$1,076,794 99</u>	<u>\$749,008 48</u>
Suffolk County Courthouse (Custodian).....	\$125 00	\$125 00
Suffolk County Courthouse (County Buildings).....	10,300 00	1,300 00
County Buildings.....	1,800 00	
Jail.....	2,400 00	2,400 00
Superior Court, Civil Session (General Expenses).....	5,000 00	5,000 00
Superior Court, Civil Session (Clerk's Office).....	3,150 00	
Superior Court, Criminal Session.....	30,500 00	20,500 00
Probate Court.....	1,625 00	1,125 00
Municipal Court, City of Boston.....	4,950 00	4,750 00
East Boston District Court.....	80 00	80 00
Municipal Court, Dorchester District.....	869 50	869 50
Municipal Court, Roxbury District.....	950 00	950 00
Municipal Court, West Roxbury District.....	833 33	833 33
Boston Juvenile Court.....	200 00	200 00
District Court of Chelsea.....	2,600 00	1,633 33
Land Court.....	200 00	200 00
Associate Medical Examiner, Northern Division.....	100 00	100 00
Miscellaneous Expenses, Budget Department.....	500 00	500 00
Penal Institutions Department:		
Office Expenses.....	950 00	
House of Correction.....	17,150 60	7,796 47
	<u>\$84,282 83</u>	<u>\$48,362 63</u>
Public Works Department, Water Service.....	<u>\$30,000 00</u>	<u>\$30,000 00</u>
RECAPITULATION OF SUPPLEMENTARY AMOUNTS ALLOWED BY MAYOR FOR 1930.		
From taxes:		
For city purposes within the tax limit.....		\$749,008 48
For County of Suffolk purposes.....		48,362 63
City and county total.....		<u>\$797,371 11</u>
From revenue:		
Public Works Department, Water Service.....		30,000 00
Grand total.....		<u>\$827,371 11</u>

Ordered, That to meet the current expenses payable during the financial year beginning with the first day of January, 1930, for performing the duties and exercising the powers devolved by statute or ordinance, or by vote of the City Council during the year, upon the City of Boston or County of Suffolk or the departments or officers

thereof, the respective sums of money specified in the tables and schedules hereinafter set out be and the same are hereby appropriated for the several departments and for the objects and purposes hereinafter stated, that the same be raised by taxation to the amount of \$797,371.11 upon the polls and estates in the City of Boston,

and that all orders heretofore passed by the City Council relating to appropriations and taxes and the interest thereon apply to the taxes herein provided for.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

TRANSFERS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 21, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the attached requests for transfers within departmental appropriations, and respectfully recommend adoption of the accompanying orders.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Building Department:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Inspectors, Building, 24 (25) at \$2,000 to \$2,700 a year, \$670.58, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Constable, 1 at \$1,600 a year, \$670.58.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Supervisor of Construction (Superintendent), 1 at \$4,000 a year, \$100, to the appropriation for B-35, Fees, Service of Venires, etc., \$100.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Hospital Department, Sanatorium Division:

From the appropriation for D-2, Food and Ice, \$6,000, to the appropriation for B-18, Cleaning, \$6,000.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Institutions Department, Central Office:

From the appropriation for B-22, Medical, \$25, to the appropriation for B-13, Communication, \$25.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Institutions Department, Long Island Hospital:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Superintendent, Deputy, 1 at \$2,500 a year, \$890.03, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Stenographer, 1 at \$1,000 (\$1,200) a year, \$1; Pharmacist, Assistant, 1 at \$1,800 a year, \$789.03; C-3, Educational and Recreational, \$100.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Superintendent, Deputy, 1 at \$2,500 a year, \$628.83, to the appropriation for steamer "George A. Hibbard" and Launch "James J. Minot," Mechanic, 1 at \$1,500 a year, \$628.83.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Market Department:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Laborers and Watchmen, 4 at \$5 a day, \$100, to the appropriation for A-3, Unassigned, \$100.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Public Welfare Department, A-1, Permanent Employees, Visitors, 21 at \$1,600 to \$2,300 a year, \$880.19, to the appropriation for Soldiers' Relief Department, A-1, Permanent Employees, Visitors, 12 (11) 12 at \$1,600 to \$2,000 a year, \$880.19.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Health Department:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Caretakers, Laborers, etc., 41 (42) at

\$5 a day, \$920.46, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Police Officers, 4 (5) at \$2,100 a year, \$920.46.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Caretakers, Laborers, etc., 41 (42) at \$5 a day, \$300, to the appropriation for A-2, Temporary Employees, \$300.

From the appropriation for B-1, Printing and Binding, \$184.80, to the appropriation for B-3, Advertising and Posting, \$184.80.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Clerks, 7 at \$1,500-\$1,600 a year, \$800, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Nurses, 120 (127) at \$1,400 to \$1,800 a year, \$800.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Medical Examiner Service, Northern Division:

From the appropriation for B-28, Expert, \$235, to the appropriation for C-9, Office, \$235.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Secretary, 1 at \$2,400 a year, \$875, to the appropriation for A-1, Clerical Assistant, 1 at \$1,750 a year, \$875.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Printing Department:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Apprentices, 4 at \$23-\$33 a week, \$646.28; Keyboard Operators, 17 at \$42.25 a week, \$340, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Pressfeeder, 1 at \$40 a week, \$986.28.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Linotype Operator, 1 at \$47 a week, \$1,000, to the appropriation for A-3, Unassigned, \$1,000.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Compositors, 28 (30) at \$42.25 a week, \$2,450; Keyboard Operators, 17 at \$42.25 a week, \$335; Pressmen, Cylinder, 5 at \$43.50 a week, \$1,525; Linotype Operator, 1 at \$44 a week, \$1,000, to the appropriation for C-2, Machinery, \$5,400.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Linotype Operator, 1 at \$47 a week, \$1,000, to the appropriation for C-17, General Plant, \$1,000.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Superior Court, Criminal Session:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Clerks, 3 (4) (3) at \$1,500 a year, \$628.83; Clerks, 2 (1) at \$1,200 a year, \$125.68, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Clerks, 3 (2) (3) at \$1,800 a year, \$754.51.

Referred to Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and severally referred to the Committee on Claims:

Bushway Ice Cream Company, for compensation for damage to truck by city truck.

George Caloun, for compensation for damage to clothing at City Hospital.

James P. Calnan, for compensation for damage to property at 12 Elder street, Dorchester, caused by backing up of sewage.

Boston City Hospital, for compensation for damage to property by truck of Sanitary Division.

Azelie Chenet, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in East Concord street.

Abraham and David Cohen, for compensation for injuries caused by city truck.

Connolly's Hyde Square Pharmacy, for refund on refuse tickets.

Michael DiGregorio, for refund on refuse tickets.

Annie Doherty, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Ipswich street.

Mrs. William Dorr, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Sprague Street Bridge.

Francis Farry, for compensation for damage to clothing caused by an alleged defect in Orchard Park street.

E. M. Feltman, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

G. L. Fisher & Co., for compensation for damage to property at 122-126 Dudley street, caused by defective water meter.

Francis E. Glennon, for compensation for damage to car by sanitary truck.

Mildred Gross, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Blue Hill avenue.

Aram Karaian, for refund on unused refuse tickets.

Simon Liberman, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at 204 Blue Hill avenue.

Patrick J. Manning, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Headhouse Pier, City Point.

John J. Martin, for compensation for damage to car by city car.

Harry L. McCarter, for compensation for damage to hat caused by hanging branch of tree on South street, Roslindale.

Metropolitan Casualty Insurance Company, for compensation for damage to property at 162 Tyler street, caused by Water Department.

C. Panayoz, for compensation for damage to truck by city team.

Gilbert F. Powell, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Scaramelli & Co., for compensation for damage to property caused by an alleged defect in Prince street.

Jennie M. Shotwell, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Francis A. Smith, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 727 East Third street.

Charles H. Thayer, for compensation for damage to car by city ambulance.

Rose M. Trask, for compensation for refund on victualler's license.

Utility Manufacturing and Sales Corporation, for refund on refuse tickets.

Waldorf System, Incorporated, for refund on refuse tickets.

Mary G. Ward, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 177-189 Falcon street.

Ernest H. Wheaton, for compensation for damage to property at 24 Heathcote street, caused by break in water main.

Jennie Wineska, for compensation for damage to clothing caused by an alleged defect in Mayfield street.

James Vouros, for refund on unused refuse tickets.

John J. Hayes, for compensation for damage to property at 39 Mapleton street, caused by water being shut off.

CONSTABLES' BONDS APPROVED.

The constables' bonds of George E. Sobol and Patrick L. Resiteri, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, were received and approved.

PAY ROLL OF THE REGISTRY OF DEEDS.

The pay roll of the Registry of Deeds for the period from July 1 to July 15, inclusive, amounting to \$4,779.69, was received and approved.

BASEBALL BOND APPROVED.

A bond in the sum of \$100,000 of the Boston National League Baseball Company for Sunday baseball games at Braves Park, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, was received and approved.

SANITARY CONDITION OF CHARLES-TOWN SCHOOLS.

A communication was received from the School Department in reply to an order of the City Council relative to the sanitary condition of the Warren, Daniels, Kent and Frothingham Schools. Placed on file.

CITIZEN LABOR ON CONTRACTS.

A communication was received from the Bricklayers' Union No. 3, indorsing the action of the City Council in relation to the employment of aliens on city contracts.

Placed on file.

TRACK LOCATION, CONGRESS STREET.

A copy of the order of the Street Commissioners granting a track location over and across Congress street to the Noyes Corporation was received and placed on file.

NOTICE OF HEARING.

Notice was received from the State Public Works Department of a hearing on petition of the Boston Elevated Railway Company for license to lay submarine cables under Fort Point channel. Placed on file.

KILLING OF UNLICENSED DOGS.

A copy of the warrant issued by the Mayor to dog officers, under chapter 140 of the General Laws for the killing or otherwise disposing of unlicensed dogs, was received and placed on file.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

The appointment by the Mayor, filed with the City Clerk July 17, 1930, of Theodore C. Haffenreffer to be a Park Commissioner, and Thomas J. A. Johnson, to be a member of the Boston Port Authority, was received and placed on file.

MINORS' LICENSES GRANTED.

Applications for minors' licenses were received from thirty-four newsboys and eighteen vendors, and it was voted that licenses be granted on the usual conditions.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS.

Coun. McGRATH, for the Committee on Public Lands, submitted a report on the message and order, referred May 19, 1930, authorizing the sale of land in the rear of 80 West Cedar street—that the order ought to pass.

The report of the committee was accepted.

The order was read once and passed, yeas 20, nays 0; assigned for fourteen days for final action.

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

President LYNCH called up No. 1 on the calendar, viz.:

1. Action on appointment submitted by the Mayor July 7, 1930, of John J. Morley, to be a Weigher of Coal.

The President appointed Coun. Gallagher and Fitzgerald to be a committee to receive, sort and count the ballots.

The committee attended to the duty assigned them, and the appointment was confirmed—yeas 20, nays 0.

TRANSFER ORDERS.

The President called up Nos. 2 and 3 on the calendar, viz.:

2. Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Columbus Avenue Bridge, \$4,327.05, to the appropriation for Congress Street Bridge, \$4,327.05.

On June 30, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 19, nays 0.

3. Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Ferry Improvements, etc., \$2,500, to the appropriation for New Ferryboat, \$2,500.

On June 30, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 19, nays 0.

The orders were read a second time and again passed; yeas 20, nays 0.

LOAN FOR SUFFOLK COUNTY JAIL.

The President called up No. 4 on the calendar, viz.:

4. Ordered, That the sum of \$135,000 be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Sheriff, for County of Suffolk, Jail Improvements, and that to meet the said appropriation the City Treasurer be, and he hereby is, authorized to issue, from time to time, upon request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston to said amount.

On July 7, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 19, nays 0.

The order was read a second time and again passed; yeas 19, nays—Coun. Murray—1.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Coun. GREEN—On page 2, No. 5, I would like to take up the name of Michael J. Hafey.

President LYNCH—Councillor Green asks that the name of Michael J. Hafey be taken up.

Coun. WILSON—I would like a chance to look up and see whether the applicant in question has signed the bond that we are having the constables sign. Otherwise, to be consistent, we should take all of the names from the list.

Coun. GREEN—I withdraw my motion.

President LYNCH—The gentleman withdraws his motion.

BLEACHERS, AMERICAN LEGION PARK, EAST BOSTON.

Coun. DONOVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commission for the erection of additional bleachers at American Legion Park, East Boston, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Coun. DONOVAN—I have preceded this order with a letter to the Mayor, calling to his direct attention a condition which exists at East Boston, which constitutes a menace to the lives and safety of the people at the park of the American Legion in East Boston. By virtue of the fact that we have not got a set of bleachers there with entrance from the street, it is the customary thing for 1,000 men and women to witness ball games, and they are leaning against a fence which has been bolstered up on two or three different occasions by the Park Department. To prevent a catastrophe happening, I ask that the Mayor give attention to this order for \$25,000 so that we can have bleachers constructed.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

TENEAN BEACH BATH HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. FISH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install a telephone in the Tenean Beach Bath House, Ward 16.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

CARSON STREET PASSAGEWAY.

Coun. McGRATH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to determine and advise the City Council

whether the opening under the railroad bridge on Columbia road, at the end of Carson street and Mt. Vernon street, is a public thoroughfare, or whether persons using this roadway are trespassers. Passed under suspension of the rules.

WARD 13 IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. McGRATH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to reset the edgestones on Lebanon street, Ward 13.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave, with smooth pavement, Julian street, Ward 13.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave, with smooth pavement, Bird street, Ward 13.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave, with smooth pavement, Dewey street, Ward 13.

Severally passed under suspension of the rules.

HEALY PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. MURRAY offered the following:

Ordered, That the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commission for filling, grading, relocating baseball diamonds, and other necessary improvements, on the Healy Playground, Roslindale, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

SIDEWALK ORDERS.

Coun. ENGLERT offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along St. Joseph street, north side, from South street to Woodman street, Ward 11, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Washington street, from Ashmont street to Mora street, Ward 17, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

Coun. McGRATH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Stoughton street, sidewalk only, from Columbia road to Pleasant street, Wards 7 and 13, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

Coun. ENGLERT offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Townsend street, both sides, from Washington street to Warren street, Wards 11 and 12, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone,

with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

Coun. BUSH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Fairland street, from No. 29 to No. 37, Ward 12, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

Coun. HEIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Warren street, both sides, from Cambridge street to Brookline line, Ward 21, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

REWARD FOR APPREHENSION OF OLIVER B. GARRETT.

Coun. NORTON offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to offer a reward in the sum of five hundred dollars, in the name and on behalf of the City of Boston, for the apprehension of Oliver Garrett, former Boston police officer.

Coun. NORTON—The District Attorney of this County of Suffolk, as the chief law enforcement officer of our county, has requested that this honorable body appropriate the sum of \$500, which I understand is the maximum sum that we can appropriate, for the turning up of Oliver Garrett, former Boston police officer. It is not alone any alleged crimes that Oliver Garrett is supposed to have committed while acting as a police officer, but the name of Garrett has become synonymous, throughout the land, with corruption in the local Police Department, and it has brought to every child of Boston a sense that the police officers of Boston are not entirely a worthy lot. The average citizen in this city knows that the average police officer in Boston is an honorable man, but in any great aggregation of men there are those who are dishonorable. I feel that our Police Department in this city at the present time, gauging it by the standards of other police departments throughout this country at this time in our history, measures well with any other department, from the standpoint of grafting officers. However, for the last ten years our city has been in a turmoil regarding this one individual. Now, when he is brought to trial he openly flaunts the law, and he says that he will not show up so long as a certain justice of the Superior Court is to try him. He also issues the statement inferentially that he will not show up until he feels like it. It is a direct affront at our form of government. It is one of the worst possible things that our city could have happen to it. It creates in every man, woman and child in Boston, in a sense, a question of integrity regarding the police officers of this city. This man for ten years ran wild. On his own testimony in the Superior Court, where he testified that without authority he entered hundreds of homes in this city, openly flaunted an honorable justice of the South Boston Court, when requested by that justice to stay within the barriers of the law as regards search warrants, came into my ward and other wards in this city and openly violated the law, smashed into homes, slapped women and children, demanded that he be recognized as the law itself. And now, when an attempt is made that he be brought to justice, after the entire legal machinery of our Commonwealth, acting under legislative order, through the medium of our attorney-general, shows up circumstances in ten years that call for retribution, Garrett openly flaunts that system and runs away. It seems to me at this time, when our district attorney is using every resource within his power, when he employs three nationally known detective agencies and employs the resources of the Police Department and has a search

going on in every state of this union for the man who has openly violated our laws, that we, as the municipal legislative authority, should at least cooperate with the district attorney of our county by passing this order.

Coun. WILSON—I agree with a great deal that the councillor from Hyde Park has said and especially with reference to the fact that the resources of the Boston Police Department and three detective agencies are being used, not to mention a standing reward of \$5,000 by a Boston newspaper, to apprehend this particular man who has not yet been proved guilty but who is under indictment before the courts of the Commonwealth. I think this order is one which might properly be sent to executive for a little discussion, not that I am against the purpose of the order but possibly because I question whether an additional reward of \$500 on top of the standing reward of \$5,000 would really be of any substantial force or effect. I would accordingly move that the matter be sent to the Executive Committee, without attempting to cut Councillor Kelly off from debate.

Coun. KELLY—As the previous councillor has said, a substantial and binding reward has been offered by one of Boston's leading newspapers for the same information that this \$500 would be offered, if it was passed today. Now, Mr. President, I feel that you gave your proper answer as President of this honorable body, as published in the Boston American on Saturday, as this is an attempt by the district attorney of our county, when being pressed to retain his office, to use this body to bolster up his chances of reelection. I do not think it is a fit order to ask the City Council at this time, for the simple reason that on Friday evening the district attorney of our Commonwealth was charged with misfeasance and malfeasance of office, over the radio, by his challenger, Senator Mulhern. I feel, in all fairness to a fellow making an uphill fight, who no doubt will be your next district attorney, that we should not allow an order of this kind to be passed here today.

Coun. NORTON—It is unfortunate that a man who has openly flaunted the laws of our state should virtually run wild. He has run wilder than any man in the history of the Boston Police Department, wilder than any man ever dared under the late lamented Stephen O'Meara, who set the precedent for Boston police commissioners, wilder than any man has dared in our Police Department history. It is unfortunate at this time, when the people of New England are observing the conduct of this case, that when the district attorney asks not alone for \$500, not the monetary value, not the intrinsic value, but in passing this order you render a value that never can be measured in dollars. In passing this order you send out word that Massachusetts and the people of Boston, in so far as the City Council and the municipal government are concerned, are standing back of the man who seeks to bring to justice an individual who has shown himself to be unfaithful as a public official of this city.

President LYNCH—The order will be referred to the Executive Committee.

Coun. FITZGERALD—I believe the matter ought to be settled right here and now. I understand from Councillor Green that the order we passed in reference to the \$500 reward in the Charlestown case has never been paid, and it has been held up by order of the Law Department. I do not believe in going into executive session and having a long-drawn-out debate on this matter. It is a warm afternoon. Many of the members may have other business to attend to. There are other important matters to be considered. I do not believe we ought to waste our time by taking this up in executive session. If it has been decided by the Corporation Counsel that we have not the authority and it is not within our province to do this, we might as well settle the matter here and now. I am in sympathy with what the gentleman from Hyde Park is trying to bring out. No one feels more keenly on the subject than I do. The people of the entire city are up in arms. It is a subject that is being discussed everywhere. While this man has been a fugitive from justice, there has been \$5,000 offered by a Boston newspaper, and the Police Department of the city and detective agencies have been seeking him. With all this machinery of the law at work to apprehend him, the \$500 from the City Council, in my judgment, will do no good. Unless the gentleman from Hyde Park desires to place the Council on record as to where

they stand, I trust that the matter will be decided in open meeting, and if any members wish to discuss it they should discuss it in open meeting and not take the matter up behind closed doors. It is not closed doors because the newspaper men are at every executive session, and whatever is said will be carried in the newspapers. If it is news, they will publish it, and if any man thinks that by going into executive session they can talk it over quietly, they are mistaken, because if the newspaper men hear anything spicy or anything enlightening they will publish it. That is their duty, and they intend to give the public what they think the public wants. There is too much going into executive session. There is too much time wasted; too much valuable time wasted. This man, as we well know, should be brought to justice, but whether the gentleman from Hyde Park has taken the proper means, I do not know. I did not receive any notice from the district attorney that he wanted this matter discussed here today. I asked the councilor from the Back Bay, and he said he had not received anything except what he read in the newspapers. I object to going into executive session on this.

Coun. GREEN—I am going to ask the councilor from Hyde Park if he would object to bringing the Corporation Counsel down before the body so that we can get a legal opinion on this matter before we vote, so that we can vote intelligently. Whether we go into executive session on the matter or discuss it on the floor of the Council does not mean anything to me.

Coun. NORTON—I am perfectly willing to have anything that is proper. I am not at all anxious to place my colleagues on record, provided they have not had full opportunity to look into all the facts. It is not my idea in the least to embarrass anybody and not in the least am I actuated by a selfish or vindictive motive toward Oliver Garrett. In answer to the colleague from the West End who states that the Corporation Counsel disapproved an order regarding the heinous crime that the colleague from Charlestown was interested in, in reference to which this Council appropriated \$500, as I understand that ruling, the Corporation Counsel in that instance ruled in consequence of the fact that the crime was committed outside the jurisdiction of Suffolk County. In that case a reward of \$500 would be illegal, but in that ruling he did not state that if the crime had been committed in Suffolk County his ruling would have been the same.

Coun. BUSH—I agree that there is nothing to be gained by referring this matter to the Executive Committee. I think we ought to act on it at once.

Coun. KELLY—Before we vote on this important measure, I want to call the attention of the body to how this order was introduced. I feel that the proper place for the district attorney of our county here, if he wishes to introduce an order, is to give it to the Mayor of Boston; not to have any particular councilor act as a spokesman for him. I want you gentlemen to consider this, because the Mayor must veto it or sign it. We all know why it was not given to the Mayor of our city. It was not given to him because of the district attorney's stand in the Mayor's fight, and if this thing is passed by this honorable body this afternoon it will be vetoed the minute it goes downstairs, in my estimation. I am going to ask that when we vote on this we do not allow the district attorney's office that has failed to show any results in this Garrett affair to put the City Council in line to back the district attorney up in any of his futile efforts. We are footing the bills of his investigators and we are willing to do that. We are willing that he should hire private detectives. But when he allows a man who is out on bail to get away from him two days before trial, I do not think the City of Boston should agree with him and sympathize with him.

Coun. GREEN—Now that the gentleman from Hyde Park is willing to bring the Corporation Counsel before the City Council, I move that we recess subject to the call of the Chair and that the clerk of the Council notify the Corporation Counsel to be here.

Coun. NORTON—I am willing to refer this to the executive session of our body to be handled in the regular way.

The motion of Councilor Wilson, referring to the Executive Committee, was carried.

President LYNCH—The order is referred to the Executive Committee.

REWARD FOR INFORMATION ON ALIENS.

Coun. NORTON offered the following:

Resolved, That his Honor the Mayor, through the Corporation Counsel, seek legislative approval for the granting of \$50 to any citizen of Boston who reports an alien holding down a position with a contractor doing city work.

Coun. NORTON—Two weeks ago, due to the efforts of a colleague from Dorchester, an important matter of aliens working for contractors doing City of Boston work was brought to the attention of this body, and, according to some reports that the original order of the colleague from Dorchester brought forward, there were discharged over fifty men employed by contractors doing City of Boston work. It has always seemed to me that if the United States Government has seen fit to offer rewards for the purpose of law enforcement, if they see fit to offer a reward through the medium of the United States Customs, to those who point out smuggling, if it is possible in this state to offer rewards for hit and run drivers, I know of no more important reward than to reward a citizen of this city who points out an alien working for a contractor doing City of Boston work here within the confines of our city, while 75,000 citizens of Boston walk the streets seeking that sort of employment.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

RECESS TAKEN.

On motion of Coun. HEIN the Council took a recess at 3.10 p. m., and reassembled in the Council Chamber at 4.20 p. m., and were called to order by the President.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. BUSH, for the Executive Committee, submitted reports as follows:

1. Report on message of Mayor and orders (referred today) for transfers within departmental appropriations—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed; yeas 15, nays 0.

2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) appropriating \$110,000 for Centre street widening and reconstruction—that the order ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed, yeas 15, nays 0.

3. Report on order (referred today) that a reward of \$500 be offered for the apprehension of Oliver B. Garrett—that the order ought not to pass.

Report accepted; said order rejected.

4. Report on resolution (referred today) offering a reward of \$50 to any citizen of Boston reporting aliens employed by city contractors—that same ought not to pass.

Report accepted; said order rejected.

COMMITTEE ON UNCLAIMED BAGGAGE.

Coun. ENGLERT, for the Committee on Unclaimed Baggage, submitted the following:

The Committee on Unclaimed Baggage, to whom was referred June 23, 1930, the petition of the Boston & Maine Railroad to sell unclaimed baggage, having considered the same, respectfully recommends the passage of the accompanying order.

Ordered, That the Boston & Maine Railroad be authorized to sell at public auction, on or before September 15, 1930, the articles remaining unclaimed in the possession of said railroad in the City of Boston.

Report accepted; said order passed.

COMMITTEE ON JITNEY LICENSES.

Coun. MURRAY, for the Committee on Jitney Licenses, submitted a report on petition (referred May 12) of Boston Elevated Railway to operate motor vehicles between the Somerville-Boston line at Washington street and Sullivan square, over Cambridge street and Main street, Charlestown [Boston section of a route between Union square,

Somerville, and Sullivan square, Boston], recommending that license be granted.

Report accepted; said license granted on usual conditions.

Coun. MURRAY, for the Committee on Jitney Licenses, submitted report on petition (referred April 7) of Boston Elevated Railway, to operate motor vehicles between North Station and South Station.

Coun. WILSON—Do I understand that changes or supplements an existing line or that it is a new line between the two termini?

Coun. MURRAY—The above route is a substitution of the licenses granted by the City Council under dates of August 4, 1926, and December 8, 1926, and the petitioner agrees that upon the granting of this license said former licenses shall be canceled and become null and void.

Coun. WILSON—Even though that might make some difference and there may be no other sentiment in the Council, the same way, it does seem to me that with a direct through route from North Station to South Station by elevated, there is no need of blocking up, I assume, Atlantic avenue and those particular streets, with jitney bus lines, and it does not seem to me there is a crying need by the sinking road for this particular bus line.

By direction of the President, the clerk read the route of the license, as follows:

"Between North Station and South Station over Causeway, Canal, Washington, Devonshire, State, Congress, Milk, Federal streets and Dewey square; returning over Dewey square, Federal, Milk, Congress, Exchange streets, Adams square, Washington, Canal, Travers and Portland streets. The above route is in substitution of the licenses granted by the City Council under dates of August 4, 1926, and December 8, 1926, and the petitioner agrees that upon the granting of this license said former licenses shall be canceled and become null and void."

Coun. WILSON—I realize it is hot, and perhaps it is a little late. I still press the point that with a direct route by supposed rapid transit properly run on the Atlantic Avenue Elevated between the North Station and the South Station, there is no need for the existing jitney bus line in such a congested district as Washington street, Exchange street and the district which the Chamber of Commerce and other organizations are requesting should be shut off from all parking on the claim that it is so congested that vehicles cannot get through. It does not seem to me that for the mere convenience of a few fussy car riders and the convenience of the Boston Elevated—which does about as it pleases on the Hill, and I assume are going to do about as they please here at the Hall—that there is any need of sending Boston Elevated jitney buses through Devonshire street, Postoffice square, Exchange street or any of these intown congested streets, when there is a direct route by Elevated trains from North Station to South Station.

Coun. FITZGERALD—As I understand it, this merely makes a slight change because of changes in the approach to North Station.

Coun. MURRAY—It is the same route that now exists with the exception of a change in and around Travers street. Instead of going up Canal street, it is proposed to go the opposite way. The Traffic Commissioner requested that on any more jitney hearings that we have, if we will be kind enough to let him know, he will be glad to come down and talk on it.

Coun. CURTIS—As I remember the present direct rapid transit route, a lot of people have to walk a long way across the street from the South Station and downstairs, and, if the Elevated wants to put on a few buses to help some people travel easier, it seems our streets could be clogged a lot worse by other things than by buses which are serving the public.

Coun. WILSON—I do not want to tire the Council by possible repetition, but I have in mind the fact that the \$250,000 light system which was put into effect was a questionable success yesterday and at a later date I will be glad to find out what the cost of that light system was. Here is a proposed bus line through this expensive light system installed at a cost of a quarter of a million dollars, and I insist there is no need for this, and I would ask the chairman of the Jitney Committee whether he as chairman of that committee feels there is a crying necessity for a Boston Elevated jitney bus line through Devonshire street connecting North Station and South Station.

Coun. MURRAY—The Committee on Jitney Licenses had a hearing, and the only one that said there was any crying need for it was the councilor from the West End. I think it is up to him to say whether he wants it or not.

Coun. FITZGERALD—I do not know where the gentleman gets his information, but I know that I did not appear before the committee. There seems to be a mistake some place. I was asked in reference to the matter today by the chairman of the committee. I am not interested in any line. Nobody has spoken to me about it except to say that it was a minor change.

Coun. MURRAY—In answer to the councilor from the West End, the secretary of the road came to me and said he talked to Mr. Fitzgerald and said that Mr. Fitzgerald was in cooperation. He is always in favor of jitneys for the Elevated.

Coun. WILSON—Since there seems to be a little confusion and since some of us do not know where we stand, if there is no objection, may I ask that the matter lay on the table?

The report was laid on the table.

Coun. MURRAY, for the Committee on Jitney Licenses, submitted report on petition (referred May 26) of Boston Elevated Railway to operate motor vehicles between the junction of Washington and Market streets and the Cambridge-Boston line on Western Avenue Bridge, over Market street and Western avenue (Boston section of a night route between the junction of Washington and Market streets, Brighton, and Central square, Cambridge)—recommending that license be granted.

Coun. WILSON—I do not want to become objectionable, and yet I have a serious objection to these Boston Elevated bus lines. May I ask where that route is?

[The route, as stated in the petition, was read.]
Coun. HEIN—On this particular route here the traffic is not as heavy as it is downtown. I do not believe there would be any traffic congestion there. I cannot see where it would do any harm.

Coun. MURRAY—In this petition we talked with the councilor whose district it goes through, and he is in hearty accord. I refer to Councilor Gallagher from Brighton.

Report accepted; said license granted on usual conditions.

REWARD FOR APPREHENSION OF OLIVER B. GARRETT.

Coun. NORTON offered the following:
Ordered, That the City Council hereby offers a reward, in the sum of five hundred dollars, in the name and on behalf of the City of Boston, to any person who detects or secures the person of Oliver B. Garrett, former Boston police officer, indicted by the Suffolk County Grand Jury for the crimes of larceny, extortion and others, and who is now a fugitive from justice.

Coun. McGRATH—Mr. President, I have always strenuously objected to this body informing other bodies—Congress, our State Legislature and even the Governor of the Commonwealth—as to just what their duties were. I have felt that if we minded our own business we got along much better. There are a number of people in the city who feel that we as a body fall down hopelessly in tending to even our own business and, while I do not concur in that, I object to interfering with the prerogatives of the Governor of this splendid Commonwealth. We took the time of our Corporation Counsel this afternoon, brought him down here and in executive meeting, with every member of the Council present and the members of the Press there, he informed us that this was the Governor's duty rather than the duty of the members of the Boston City Council. On orders of this kind, whether they are introduced by a man in politics or by some citizen on the outside, I have always felt this way. Years ago in the old country I heard a great deal about informers. In this country they do not call them informers. They call them stool pigeons. And I do not want to go on record as voting for an appropriation that will send out into the highways and byways of this state, hundreds of men and women informers who in the darkness of the night will slink around and try to pin something on one of their fellowmen. I can take you to State Prison today or down to the jail on Charles street and you will find them overcrowded. Even the corridors are crowded. I have never been a party to putting one of them

in jail. I broke into politics and first went to the Legislature in 1915, and at that time there were men in every walk of life, political life and business life, who despised the stool pigeon, who despised the writer of an anonymous letter, who despised the man or woman in any community who went out of his way in order to put the brand on his fellowman and say that he was a felon. I care not for Garrett. I do not even know him. His being found is absolutely the duty of the police officers. I do not think there is a man in this body who has been given a badge by Commissioner Hultman. I do not think that there is a man in this body who has the authority to arrest. There is no one, at least to my knowledge. I asked the Corporation Counsel if a member of this Council could collect this reward. I asked him if in the future certain members of the Council wanted to appear as stool pigeons, could they go out and indict their fellowman. I say that the time has not changed from years ago when people would look at the informer with a great deal of disdain. In this present hour and day we seem to be forgetting that. I told in the Executive Committee about a former Congressman, now dead, a splendid type of old-time politician, who said that in his day the man or woman in the community who was not a district attorney, who was not a judge, who was not a uniformed police officer whose sworn duty it was to go out and get information to arrest, who would turn out to be an informer, an anonymous letter writer or a stool pigeon, was a despised person in his community. That same thing continues to this day in many circles. But he emphasized the fact that along came the draft and that all over this country, all through this state and in this city, people who never before had written a letter started to write letters to the Draft Board, started to turn stool pigeon on a neighbor, and once they wrote their first letter, like a man who takes his first drink, they continued it. And today not only on the outside, not only in the Watch and Ward, not only in those paid societies that snoop, but men in public life are asking us to appropriate money to be used for the purpose of making some other man or woman turn stool pigeon, at a time like this when there are hundreds of families that are hungry, at a time when there are thousands of men and women who may be tempted to take this money and turn their backs on all the honesty and decency given to them by their fathers and mothers, and turn informer. Garrett's being caught is the duty of uniformed policemen; it is the duty of detective agencies; it is the duty of these self-appointed snoopers; it is the duty of the district attorney; it is not the duty of red-blooded men in the Boston City Council. And if the time has come that we sitting here are going to vote away the money of the people of this city for the purpose of making a spy, a snooper or a stool pigeon out of any decent man or woman of our city, then politics in Boston is in a very bad state.

Coun. KELLY—I concur heartily with my colleague from Dorchester in every remark that he has made here this afternoon. Despite the ruling of the Corporation Counsel, who told us in executive session that the business of offering a reward for the detection of an alleged criminal rested entirely with the state; despite that fact that it was brought out that this order for a reward was offered to the councilors from the district where the present district attorney resides, and they rejected it, figuring it was not the Council's business. Despite that, the councilor from Hyde Park persists in being spokesman for the present district attorney, and I conceive it to be my duty to uphold the man who cannot be present here and be spokesman for the challenger, and I hope if we pass this order today that it will be immediately vetoed downstairs. There is no question about it in my mind. The man downstairs does not want to be brought into this controversy. If he is brought into it, he has to be with the man who was with him in the past election. So, I sincerely hope that this order will be rejected.

Coun. NORTON—One would think, sitting here this afternoon and listening to some of the remarks made by some of our colleagues, that it was a terrible thing for the district attorney of Suffolk County to ask for \$500 from this honorable body to apprehend one of the worst men ever connected with the Police Department of Boston. Oh, we hear about going to State Prison and seeing the snooper. Yes, even the old country is

appealed to, the land of our fathers. We are told what they thought. Let me say to the colleague who made that remark, "Yes, come with me to State Prison and I will show you there not one but many put there by this racketeer who in ten years in our city smashed into homes, slapped women and children, illegally arrested people." And then they stand here this afternoon on the floor of this Council and inferentially say that it is a terrible thing to offer \$500. Now, Mr. President, the district attorney of this county has asked that this Council give a reward of \$500. It is the duty of the Council to back up our highest law officers. If we fall down in this, we send out word to the world that we are not interested in a character who has brought more shame and ignominy on the Police Department of Boston than anybody who has ever been connected with that department in its history. The issue is clear. It is not a question of stool pigeons. Garrett is a man who stool pigeoned more than any of the officers in the Police Department of the City of Boston, and even after he was off the force he put his finger on a man and said, "Lock him up." What a terrible thing that is! Oh, what an appeal was made to the great land of our forefathers. This issue is clear. This issue is clean-cut. The people of Boston are unanimous in their demand that this man who has shamed our city and broken down respect for our law should be brought to justice. It is not a question of stool pigeons. If it were a question of stool pigeons, who has stool pigeoned more than this man who has relentlessly burst in and smashed and slapped? You know the story that was brought out at the State House. What a terrible thing it is for the district attorney to ask for \$500! What an appeal is made to the citizenry! There is no stool pigeon in this Council and there is nobody in this Council who is involved in this Oliver Garrett affair. It is merely a request by the chief law officer to grant a reward of \$500 at a time when he, the district attorney, has a search going on in every state in this nation, at a time when he has the Police Department working as never before to bring to justice the man who has openly flouted him. This bringing in of political candidacies for district attorney is not fair. I am not interested in who is elected district attorney. I am not interested in who goes back there. Personally, Joe Mulhern is a fine character. I do not believe he needs any support here this afternoon. If the question of political candidates is wrapped up with the detection of Oliver Garrett, then may we say, with Judge Robert Grant, "God save the Commonwealth." No; this is a question of sending out to the world and to this country the word that the municipal government of Boston stands unified in back of the district attorney, who has made this request to bring to justice a man who has done more to bring shame and ignominy on our city than any man who has been connected with it.

Coun. GREEN—I would like to ask the councilor from Hyde Park a question, if he cares to answer. I would like to ask if this was not a state investigation of the Police Department and if the Police Department is not a state institution. Although some of the councilors do not care to be committed, I am interested in the district attorney fight, and I will stand up and be counted here this afternoon as a supporter of the present district attorney. But I sometimes do not agree with the district attorney in everything that he does. I do not see why this buck should be passed to the City Council of Boston. I think the district attorney should have taken it before the proper authorities, the Governor and Council, and let the award start there. Why pass the buck to us? I am talking now as a supporter of the present district attorney of Suffolk County, and I will be with him in his contest in the fall, but I disagree with him in this matter.

Coun. NORTON—The councilor from Charlestown asked whether this was not a state matter. All these criminal matters are primarily state matters. It would be possible for the Governor, if a crime were committed in Fitchburg or Worcester or Pittsfield, to take precedence in offering a reward, the same as it would be here in Boston. But I believe that if the colleague from Charlestown will run down the history of past rewards, he will see that they started in the home city where the alleged crime was committed. And I might say to the colleague from Charlestown that when a little girl in his own district was

the victim, we offered a reward. It shows how we change from week to week. When a little girl in his own district was assaulted and a heinous crime committed, the colleague who now calls on us to go to the Governor, did not see fit to go to the Governor. He came right here, to the City Council, where I come this afternoon.

Coun. GREEN—I might say for the information of the gentleman from Hyde Park that the Governor offered a reward for the apprehension of this man and he was arrested and is doing eighteen years in State Prison. After talking with the Mayor of Boston, I introduced an order in the Council, having the City Council go on record as offering the reward. The question was whether this man committed a felony in Boston. It was a continuing case. The man was arrested and found not guilty in the Charlestown Court, on the crime of kidnapping. He committed the crime of rape in Middlesex County. He was arrested and convicted in Middlesex County and sentenced to eighteen years at hard labor in State Prison. The Judge in the Charlestown Court found him not guilty of the crime of kidnapping in Charlestown, and the Corporation Counsel of Boston ruled that the felony had been committed in Middlesex County. And the state is paying the reward.

Coun. RUBY—As much as I like to agree with my colleague on my left in accepting most of his suggestions, I regret that on this order I am unable to agree with him. A reward of \$500 is asked by the prosecuting attorney of our county. Judging by the arguments that we have heard so far, both for and against this order, I do not think that we ought to be misunderstood, so that anybody might be led to believe that we are prejudging the case. We have every reason to believe that when the person in question is apprehended he will be given an honest, decent and fair trial, not only by the district attorney of Suffolk County but by the presiding justice who will be designated to preside at that trial. As has so well been said already, through the press, by the judge who has been chosen to preside, the man accused will be given every possible chance for acquittal, if he can convince a judge and twelve fair-minded men of his innocence. We ought not to be prejudging this case on the floor of the City Council. We are asked to do something today to help bring back this man, so that we who are upholders of justice, who believe in the giving of a fair trial to every person accused of crime, can have him brought back, so that he may have an opportunity, if he can, to prove his innocence. And I hope, as a public official, that he may be able to do it. The District Attorney of Suffolk County did not start the prosecution of this man. This job was given to him in the performance of his duty, and in the length of time that he has been prosecutor of Suffolk County I think 90 per cent or more of the people of Suffolk County have learned to look on him not as a persecutor but as a prosecutor, one charged with prosecuting crime and not persecuting individuals. That man, after the exhaustion of every possible effort that he has made, comes now to this body, as he can go to no other body, in my opinion, and asks us to help in bringing this man back to justice. We are not asking anybody to become a stool pigeon. We are not asking anybody to turn policeman. We have a uniformed force in Boston, under the leadership, in my opinion, of a very able Police Commissioner. This police force is performing its duty to the best of its ability. But it is not unusual for a fugitive from justice to evade detection and apprehension, and I do not think we ought to take it in any other light. It is unfortunate that this is 1930 and that in September we will be asked to nominate a candidate for district attorney. It is unfortunate for the district attorney himself, because he is trying to perform a duty honestly, faithfully and impartially. He has not done anything that any other fair-minded official would not do. All he does is to ask us to offer a reward, not to send that man to State Prison, not to send that man to any prison or jail within the confines of this county or this state, but to apprehend a man that every individual, man, woman and child, is ready to criticize. The Police Commissioner in a public statement less than two months ago said to a group of police officials in Boston, "Get back the confidence of the people of Boston before you ask me to consider a raise for you." Every man in this Council at some time or other has gone on record for a proper increase in salary of every police officer in Boston, and I daresay

if it was up to this Council we would have voted an increase for those men ere this. What harm has there been by this order coming in here? Let me remind you men of the first administration of your election to office in 1926 that the present district attorney of Suffolk County in the first two years of office saved for the citizenry of Boston over \$125,000 against an equal number of years of the previous administration, and he saved that because of the economic way in which he conducted the office. I do not think we ought to have any concern whether it be he who is in office or whether it be the man who is now opposing him for office. We ought not to make this a political issue. Both men are held in high regard by the elements in Boston. We are asking a simple proposition here this afternoon. We are asking you to appropriate \$500 for the detection of Garrett. It might have been anybody else in a like position, and we ought to look at it in that light, and I think that the district attorney ought not to feel that the members of this body are retarding his desire to conduct his office as he has faithfully sworn to do it. We need not talk of the Legislature or the Governor. This investigation went to the Legislature because the Police Commissioner, who was in a sense involved in the investigation, but not in this situation, was a man appointed by the Governor of the Commonwealth and not by the Mayor of Boston, as he should be, in my opinion. That is why the investigation went there. Had not the Police Commissioner of Boston been an appointee of the Governor, the investigation would never have reached the Legislature. But what happened? The attorney-general made a fair, clean and honest investigation, in my opinion, and he presented the result of his investigation to the district attorney, and I do not care whether it is Foley or anybody else. How many members of this Council would have had any respect for the district attorney if he had not done what it was his sworn duty to do, that is, to bring the facts as presented to him by the attorney-general of Massachusetts to the Grand Jury of Suffolk County, which jury we in this room draw, because of the requirements of the law? Why isn't it our province? Why isn't it the province of any other individual or any other body to vote this particular reward? I believe the order as presented should come before this body, and I am in favor of it, because it is our duty as public officials, sworn to perform not only our duty but to assist every other public official in the county and in the Commonwealth in the performance of his duty, to help carry out their sworn duty.

Coun. WILSON—I will be very short, but this is a vote which any man in this body must be very careful to be understood upon. I hold no brief for either candidate for district attorney of Suffolk County, and it is most unfortunate that the question of politics should enter into it in one way or another, because both of the gentlemen who are announced as candidates for that office, so far as I know, are competent to fill the position, and I wish both of them the best of luck, taking care that while they are fighting each other somebody else does not slide in between. With reference to the remarks as to what might be the attitude of the Mayor, I think that inference, while not so intended, is a little unfair, because I do not think we should prejudice the position of the Mayor of the city. It would be perhaps a little better if the request in question had been sent through the usual channels, that is, submitted to the Mayor to be sent to the Council. I think that another remark that has been made this afternoon, also not intentionally, should be cleared up as a matter of record. When the Corporation Counsel was quoted as recommending that the Governor of the Commonwealth was the proper party to offer the reward, I think in fairness to Mr. Silverman—with whom I have had my differences, despite personal friendship—it should be pointed out as a matter of record, so that he will not be misquoted, that he said, in response to an inquiry as to whether or not it would not be proper for the Commonwealth, having started the proceedings, to offer the reward—that it would be most apropos for the Commonwealth and the office of the attorney-general to offer such a reward, and that might well come before action by the city. But he did not advance that proposition. It was in answer to an inquiry. I must disagree with the suggestion that the city has not a duty in this particular case, because Boston is in the unenviable position

of having its Police Department run by the Commonwealth, and to that extent the City of Boston stands differently than any other city in the Commonwealth, and it would not be at all inopportune that the Commonwealth should offer the reward. With reference to the remarks made by the councilor from Dorchester, who spoke so eloquently, I agree it is primarily the duty of the Police Department to act as policemen. I do not go all the way with him that there is not a duty on ordinary citizens to do all they can to apprehend a criminal. I agree with him, but I do not think we should offer a reward to any public-spirited man or woman to turn up a criminal because, although the average man or woman on the street is not paid for it, as the Police Department is, they owe a certain duty, and I agree with the councilor from Dorchester that we are stultifying the principles of any man or woman to offer him money to do his duty. For the benefit of the public-spirited citizens who need money to do their duty, a Boston paper has offered a reward ten times the figure that we are asked to offer. There was a murder committed on Huntington avenue sometime ago. So far as I know, notwithstanding the worst crime known to the criminal law,—murder,—we offered no reward for the apprehension of the murderer. There have been other serious crimes committed in this city, and the criminals are still at large, and we have offered no reward. We did offer a reward in the case of the heinous crime which was committed on a resident of Charlestown, but that was an unusual case. So far as I know, up to date, the Garrett case does not rank with murder, and it seems to me we are setting a bad precedent, a precedent that might well be followed as a matter of logic and a precedent that might well be thrown up to us by the councilor from Wards 2 or 28—not meaning either one—when some constituent was in trouble or wished help. Are we going to offer a reward for every shoplifter, every pick-pocket or those concerned in every robbery that comes up, or are we going to leave that to the properly constituted authorities? I do not think, for the reasons stated, that we should pass this order at present.

Coun. COX—I move the previous question.

[The previous question was ordered.]

President LYNCH—The question comes on the passage of the order?

Coun. NORTON—I ask for a roll call, Mr. President.

President LYNCH—Councilor Norton asks for a roll call. The question comes on the passage of the order and the clerk will call the roll.

Coun. MAHONEY—Isn't that the same order that was before the Executive Committee?

President LYNCH—Redrafted to meet the objections of the Corporation Counsel.

The rules were suspended and the order was rejected, yeas 6, nays 10:

Yeas—Coun. Bush, Fitzgerald, Gleason, Norton, Power, Ruby—6.

Nays—Coun. Cox, Curtis, Englert, Green, Kelly, Lynch, Mahoney, McGrath, Wilson—10.

EMPLOYMENT OF TEMPORARY MEN.

Coun. FITZGERALD offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to provide sufficient funds to keep temporary laborers and teamsters at work in the Public Works Department.

Coun. FITZGERALD—I think this is a very important matter and I want to ask that the rules be suspended in order that that order may take its passage today. On last Monday in this city, 125 laborers—I do not know whether or not some of them were called teamsters—were laid off in the City of Boston after some of them had worked since last December. They were laid off summarily. Why, I do not know. Of course they will have to appeal now to the Soldiers' Relief Department for assistance, and I think something of this kind ought to be done. I understand we were so attentive to our duties here when the budget was in operation, but many of us had the wool pulled over our eyes, for that budget appropriated the smallest amount of money to keep laborers and teamsters at work, that was provided in the history of this city. Sufficient

funds should be appropriated to keep these men at work. If there was need for them since last December there is need for them now, more than ever now, especially in the warm weather, and at this time in the year when so many thousands of visitors are coming to our city. More money has been provided by the Legislature than during any administration in the history of the city, for public improvements. And here we have 125 men summarily laid off, not one word said about it. In my opinion, it demands some explanation, and I ask that the rules be suspended and the money provided for these men.

Coun. MURRAY—I heard the councilor from the West End say that these men were appointed last December. These men were appointed three months ago, and the Mayor of this city went to the Civil Service Commission and asked them to allow him to appoint some men so as to take care of these worthy cases which the councilor from the West End talks about, and the Civil Service Commission, through the Governor, gave him the right to appoint for ninety days. I talked with the Mayor, and the Mayor said he has no chance to reappoint them because all he could give them was ninety days. Some of these men who were laid off have been reappointed and went to work this morning on the subway. The Mayor told me he could not reappoint them because the ninety days was up. That is all we are allowed through civil service.

Coun. FITZGERALD—I regret to have to differ with the distinguished gentleman from Roxbury who was so smart a short time ago that he misquoted me about being the representative in favor of the jitneys. I never represented any corporation, nor am I the tool of any corporation. I never broke my word, and my word is as good as my bond, and I say here and now, and I challenge any man to the contrary, that, these men that I refer to were put to work last December. Their records in the civil service will show it. I know the difference between the ninety-day law that was passed, and I say that these men were laid off last Monday and they are men who were working since last December, and I know what I am talking about. I don't make any speech unless I do know what I am talking about. When this gentleman stands up and tells me that I do not know what I am talking about, I say to you that he doesn't know what he is talking about. There were fourteen men in the West End Yard who were dismissed. There were men in the South End Yard who were dismissed. There were men in the Paving Department who went to work on the 26th of last December, prior to Mayor Nichols leaving office. I understand they sent a requisition for twenty-five laborers and a requisition for twenty-five more teamsters. These men are off the pay roll, and they are the men that I refer to who have been working since last December.

President LYNCH—The Chair might state that the gentleman from the West End misunderstood the gentleman from Jamaica Plain in part of his statement. I do not think there is any need of carrying this controversy any farther.

Coun. MURRAY—Might I say that the Mayor of Boston requisitioned last week for 500 men. The councilor from the West End has been in the Legislature, in both branches, for a number of years, and he knows the requirements of the civil service. With his qualifications, he might be able to go up there and arrange it so that some of these men might be appointed before Friday.

Coun. FITZGERALD—I think this is far more important, the employment of poor people, than some of the propositions we have been talking about this afternoon. I have looked up the requisition, and the requisition was for fifty men for the tunnel. I know many of the men who have been put to work. Fifty men is all that we are asking for in this proposition. We were told a few months ago when we put through a large appropriation for South Boston, that hundreds of men would be employed. I fail to see it. If people want to pull the wool over other people's eyes here and defend courses that are not proper, I will not stand for it.

Coun. MURRAY—Mr. President—

President LYNCH—For what purpose does the gentleman arise?

Coun. MURRAY—To answer the councilor from the West End.

President LYNCH—The councilor from the West End did not ask a question.

Coun. MURRAY—I would like to rise to a point of personal privilege.

President LYNCH—The gentleman may state his point of personal privilege.

Coun. MURRAY—May I state that the Mayor of this city has disapproved of these new contraptions. They are going to have no steam shovels or diggers on the new subway. They are going to have all day laborers. Instead of the diggers,

they are going to have all day laborers, meaning he will get more in his district and I and every other councilor will get the same.

The rules were suspended and the order was passed.

On motion of Coun. HEIN, the Council voted to adjourn at 5.10 p. m., to meet on Monday, August 4, 1930, at 2 p. m.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council

Monday, August 4, 1930.

Regular meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President LYNCH in the chair. Absent, Coun. Dowd, Gallagher and Mahoney.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in accordance with law, Coun. Lynch presiding and Coun. Ruby, Kelly and Gleason making the drawing in the absence of the Mayor, as follows:

Thirty-one traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, First Session, to appear September 2, 1930:

Edwin A. Kelly, Ward 1; Ralph L. Kierstead, Ward 1; Donald J. McCormack, Ward 1; Joseph W. Thibodeau, Ward 1; Frank Daniel Cullen, Ward 2; Richard A. Mehegan, Ward 2; Edward J. Potter, Jr., Ward 2; Frederick Hunter, Ward 3; David F. Leahy, Ward 6; Michael F. Lee, Ward 7; Edward G. McCready, Ward 7; William J. Donahue, Ward 8; John J. Cronin, Ward 9; John J. Connell, Ward 10; Thomas A. Hughes, Ward 10; Frank M. Leonard, Ward 10; George M. Daly, Ward 11; Frederick A. Schumann, Ward 11; Cornelius O'Leary, Ward 13; George B. Horne, Ward 15; Daniel P. Sullivan, Ward 15; William H. Armstrong, Ward 16; Gaston C. Schaillee, Ward 16; Jeremiah P. Cashman, Ward 18; Edward P. McGlynn, Ward 18; Edwin Whiting, Ward 18; William F. Hoehle, Ward 19; Walter F. Sykes, Ward 20; Albert P. Chittenden, Ward 22; Timothy J. Halpin, Ward 22; David Russell, Ward 22.

Twelve traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, Second Session, to appear September 3, 1930:

John Curran, Ward 1; George E. Thompson, Ward 2; Joseph A. Black, Ward 3; Patrick J. McQuigan, Ward 8; Matthew C. Mulholland, Ward 13; Patrick O. Carroll, Ward 14; Saul Askowith, Ward 14; William F. O'Rielly, Ward 15; Gordon B. Nebb, Ward 18; John S. Kirchgassner, Ward 19; Benjamin Freedman, Ward 21; Michael J. Horgan, Ward 21.

Thirty-one traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, Fourth Session, to appear September 2, 1930:

Fred J. Hill, Ward 1; Charles Ryan, Ward 1; James A. Lynch, Ward 2; John F. Noone, Ward 2; Morris P. Stern, Ward 2; James Banks, Ward 3; Thomas Grant, Ward 3; Samuel C. Koupchik, Ward 3; Samuel A. Stewart, Ward 3; Thomas Westgate, Ward 5; John J. Curran, Ward 7; Charles H. Dawson, Ward 7; Timothy F. Sullivan, Ward 8; William Brown, Ward 9; George W. McLean, Ward 9; John Pasek, Ward 9; Arthur L. Flynn, Ward 11; J. Frank Hannaford, Ward 11; John J. Lanigan, Ward 12; Paul F. Kelley, Ward 14; John J. Creed, Ward 15; John F. O'Leary, Ward 16; Patrick J. Lydon, Jr., Ward 17; Harry A. Pitt, Ward 17; William H. Bailey, Ward 18; David H. Bassman, Ward 18; Francis D. Conroy, Ward 19; John L. Killian, Ward 19; James S. Waterhouse, Ward 19; Roscoe L. Williamson, Ward 20; Henry Jones, Ward 21.

Thirty traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Third Session, July Sitting, to appear September 2, 1930:

George T. Scott, Ward 1; Michael McKeigue, Ward 2; Ashton K. Crutchfield, Ward 3; Frank McGovern, Ward 3; James J. Corbett, Ward 4; Samuel C. Davies, Ward 4; Warren S. Suminsby, Ward 4; James D. Brennan, Ward 5; Benjamin D. Brooks, Ward 5; Charles J. Mooney, Ward 8; Joseph P. O'Connor, Ward 8; George W. Swerer, Ward 9; John A. Mueller, Ward 11; George E. Clark, Ward 12; Max Goldberg, Ward 12; John T. Kevlin, Jr., Ward 12; Charles H. Corkum, Ward 13;

Daniel J. Daly, Ward 13; Thomas J. Gayer, Ward 13; Timothy J. Sheehan, Ward 13; James F. Goldin, Ward 14; Robert C. Murray, Ward 16; Joseph G. H. McGilvary, Ward 17; John J. Finn, Ward 18; William C. Keating, Ward 18; Frank E. Short, Ward 18; Edward B. Havey, Ward 19; Henry T. Wagner, Ward 19; Harold G. Maddock, Ward 20; Frederick W. Hunt, Ward 22.

Thirty-two traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Fourth Session, July Sitting, to appear September 2, 1930:

Frederick Johnson, Ward 1; Daniel H. Dugan, Ward 2; Francis J. Lane, Ward 2; John J. Shea, Ward 2; James J. Teehan, Ward 7; Alfred J. Quigley, Ward 3; William H. Cartwright, Ward 4; Hugh J. Deery, Ward 4; George A. Hopkins, Ward 4; Edward W. Powers, Ward 5; William A. Brown, Ward 7; John H. Buckley, Ward 1; Michele DeSantis, Ward 7; John E. Dolaher, Ward 8; Daniel F. Slason, Ward 9; William F. Kenney, Ward 10; James F. Horan, Ward 11; Charles P. McMorro, Ward 11; John H. McDevitt, Ward 12; Francis E. Fish, Jr., Ward 13; Michael C. McCann, Ward 13; Joseph Moses, Ward 15; William J. Whittenauer, Ward 15; Thomas L. Gately, Ward 16; Jeremiah C. Leary, Ward 16; John J. Cooney, Ward 17; Thomas F. Long, Ward 18; Walter C. Blaney, Ward 20; Frederick Cote, Ward 20; Harold D. Fraser, Ward 21; Leo J. Maguire, Ward 21; Daniel J. Roche, Ward 22.

Thirty-two traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Fifth Session, July Sitting, to appear September 2, 1930:

Cornelius J. Donovan, Ward 1; James Leo Duggan, Ward 2; Andrew H. Gamble, Ward 2; John H. Keegan, Ward 2; Thomas J. Quigley, Jr., Ward 2; Francis Whalen, Ward 2; Michael Becker, Ward 3; Frank Fopiano, Ward 3; Fred O. Kayes, Ward 3; Edward Brigdale, Ward 5; John F. Hodges, Ward 5; George H. Heron, Ward 6; Augustus Lyons, Ward 8; Dennis J. Coughlan, Ward 10; Joseph Francis Devlin, Ward 10; Alexander McDonald, Ward 10; John D. Reynolds, Ward 10; Henry S. Phillips, Ward 12; James W. Woodward, Ward 12; Charles E. Connor, Ward 13; Raymond L. Ammidown, Ward 14; John L. Milliken, Ward 15; Bernard E. Horrigan, Ward 16; Matthew A. Desmond, Ward 17; Joseph Dox, Ward 17; Frederic S. Hill, Ward 18; Axel N. Johanson, Ward 18; Harold W. Martin, Ward 18; Axel R. Peterson, Ward 18; Herbert E. Meyer, Ward 19; Cory W. Anderson, Ward 21; Matthew J. Hurley, Ward 21.

Thirty traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Sixth Session, July Sitting, to appear September 2, 1930:

Dennis L. Berry, Ward 2; Arthur W. Peterson, Ward 3; Austin Shane, Ward 3; Morris Springer, Ward 3; Charles W. Fowler, Ward 4; William F. Leahy, Ward 4; Thomas Leavey, Ward 4; Waldo S. Palmer, Ward 4; Thomas Lee, Ward 6; Joseph J. Monaghan, Ward 8; Fred C. Chadbourne, Ward 9; Michael J. Gorman, Ward 10; Walter J. Sasche, Ward 10; Patrick J. Horan, Ward 11; Thomas F. Harrington, Ward 12; Harold H. Kaplan, Ward 12; John J. Keough, Ward 13; John Feinstein, Ward 14; Emil M. Larsen, Ward 14; Reuben Lewis, Ward 14; Adolph Lerman, Ward 18; William H. Pekan, Ward 18; Anthony R. Lahaise, Ward 19; William B. Shea, Ward 19; Henry C. Gerlach, Ward 20; Wilson Pittman, Ward 20; Hiram J. King, Ward 21; Frank S. Clark, Ward 22; William H. Clattenburg, Ward 22; Matthew W. Mullen, Ward 22.

Thirty traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Seventh Session, July Sitting, to appear September 2, 1930:

John T. Cummings, Ward 2; Markel Meltzer, Ward 2; George W. Shea, Ward 2; John F. Siebert, Ward 2; William E. Tobin, Ward 2; John G. Kelley, Ward 3; John Comerford, Ward 4; Wayland H. Lewis, Ward 5; George H. Clark, Ward 5; Antonino P. Delfino, Ward 10; John J. Connelly, Ward 11; Michael H. Keavebey, Ward 11; Charles Riggs, Ward 12; William E. Lyons, Ward 13; Daniel E. Cowan, Ward 14; Leo Lewis, Ward 14; Bernard J. Mulhearn, Ward 14; Henry P. Sahl, Ward 14; George S. Clay, Ward 15; Henry C. Kingsman, Ward 14; William H. Burnham, Ward 16; Carl P. Nelson, Ward 16; Timothy J. Welsh, Ward 17; William F. Brown, Ward 18; Arthur H. Thornhill, Ward 18; Daniel P. O'Connell,

Ward 19: Arthur E. Blaisdell, Ward 20: Henry B. Finch, Ward 20: Edwin F. Hart, Ward 21: Alfred C. Cuzner, Ward 22.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments for the term ending April 30, 1930, viz.:

Constables: Stephen J. Dunleavy, 68 Butler street, Dorchester; John F. Riordan, 32 Westland avenue, Boston; Walter Braxton, 588 Columbus avenue, Boston; George C. Riley, 10 Aspinwall road, Dorchester; Henry Talberth, 606 Blue Hill avenue, Roxbury; Frank G. May, 1754 Columbia road, South Boston.

Weigher of Coal and Measurer of Wood: John Connors, 51 Heath street, Somerville, Mass.

Weigher of Coal: James J. Tracey, 202 N street, South Boston.

Weighers of Goods: James H. Muldoon, 28 Atkins street, Brighton; William H. Muldoon, 59 Mt. Vernon street, Brighton.

Severally laid over one week under the law.

HEATING EQUIPMENT, PRESCOTT SCHOOL DISTRICT, WARD 2.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 4, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit herewith communication from the Superintendent of the Department of School Buildings in compliance with the order of your honorable body adopted June 30, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Department of School Buildings.
August 1, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston,

Dear Sir,—With reference to the following order of the City Council:

"Ordered, That the Department of Schoolhouse Construction be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to report to the Boston City Council in detail as to the heating equipment in the Prescott School District, Ward 2."

I attach hereto report of the Heating and Ventilating Division of this department on this matter.

Respectfully yours,
L. K. ROURKE,
Superintendent.

Report for City Council in accordance with their request.

The Prescott School District includes the following schools:

1. Prescott.
2. James A. McDonald.
3. Abram E. Cutter.

Condition of Heating Apparatus.

Prescott School: Classrooms have indirect radiation in the basement, and also direct radiation in classrooms. Steam systems of heating and ventilating throughout.

James A. McDonald School: Modern system, horizontal return tubular boilers, and complete heating and ventilating system.

Abram E. Cutter School: Four-room building. Heated and ventilated by two large furnaces and one hot water heater. One furnace is to be removed this summer, and new furnace installed. This building was on the budget for a new steam system this summer, but inasmuch as the building is to be torn down within two years, it does not appear advisable to expend \$3,500 for a new heating plant, a very small portion of which would have salvage value when demolished.

August 1, 1930.

Placed on file.

TRANSFER OF INCOME FROM GEORGE F. PARKMAN FUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 4, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I am transmitting herewith communication from the chairman of the Park Department requesting transfer of the sum of \$120,000 from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund. This request has my approval and I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, August 1, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—You are respectfully asked to make a request upon the City Council for a transfer of the sum of \$120,000 from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund, which is now available, to be used for the following purposes:

Fens Improvements:	
Building of a Rose Garden, widening of the lagoon, granolithic walk, etc.....	\$65,000
Franklin Park Improvements:	
Improvements at Franklin Park, building of a Rock Garden, etc.....	45,000
Animals, Birds, Etc.:	
For the purchase of animals and birds at the Zoological Garden and replacement of same.....	5,000
Aquarium Improvements:	
For building cases for a very valuable collection of shells, railing and lighting for same, and other necessary inside repairs.....	5,000
Total.....	\$120,000

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

Ordered, That the sum of \$120,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commissioners, for the maintenance and improvement of the Common and parks in existence on January 12, 1887, as follows:

Fens, Improvements.....	\$65,000
Franklin Park Improvements.....	45,000
Animals, Birds, etc.....	5,000
Aquarium, Improvements, etc.....	5,000

Referred to the Committee on Parkman Fund.

TRANSFERS WITHIN DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 4, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the attached requests for transfers within departmental appropriations, and respectfully recommend adoption of the accompanying orders.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Medical Examiner Service, Southern Division:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Stenographer, 1 at \$1,200 a year, \$41.67, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Chauffeur, 1 at \$1,800 (\$1,900) a year, \$41.67; Stenographer, 1 at \$1,200 (\$1,300) a year, \$0.00.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Boston Traffic Commission:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent

Employees, Clerk, 1 at \$1,400-\$1,500 a year, \$9.86, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Transitman, 1 (0) at \$1,800 a year, \$9.86.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Public Works Department, Paving Service:

From the appropriation for C-13, Tools and Instruments, \$4,000, to the appropriation for C-4, Motor Vehicles, \$4,000.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Printing Department:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Copyholders, 4 at \$29 a week, \$1,100; Sheet Stockman, 1 at \$40 a week, \$300; Proofreaders, 6 at \$42.25 a week, \$600, to the appropriation for A-3, Unassigned, \$2,000.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Public Buildings Department:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Janitors, Laborers, etc., 33 (35) at \$5 a day, \$343.75, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Orderly, 1 at \$25 a week, \$343.75.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

TELEPHONE, TENEAN BEACH BATH HOUSE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, July 28, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—With reference to order adopted by your honorable body under date of July 21, 1930, requesting that the Park Commissioner make arrangements to have a telephone installed at the Tenean Beach Bath House, Ward 16, I beg to forward herewith communication received from the chairman of the Park Commission, and which is self-explanatory.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, July 25, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I am in receipt of an order from the City Council stating that the Park Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install a telephone in the Tenean Beach Bath House, Ward 16.

I will take this matter up with the telephone company immediately and request them to install a public telephone.

Very truly yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

Placed on file.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Harry Albert, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 56 Southern avenue.
Mrs. May Alsterlund, for compensation for loss of trunk taken by ashmen.

Evelyn M. Campbell, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Brooks street and Chelsea street.

Mrs. E. M. Carney, for compensation for damage to property at 16 Roach street, Dorchester, caused by bullet from policeman's revolver.

Louis Casassa, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Breed street.

M. D. Corr, for compensation for damage to property at 200 Townsend street, caused by ash truck.

Alfred A. Doerfler, for compensation for damage to car caused by Park Department wagon.

Walter J. Donovan, for compensation for loss of watch at World War Memorial Park.

Elliott Oil and Supply Company, for compensation for damage to property at 244 Harvard street, caused by bursting water pipe.

James H. Fitzgerald, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Weld street, West Roxbury.

Mrs. Theresa Freeman, for compensation for damage to clothing at City Hospital.

Edmund Godin, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

Welton M. Howatt, for compensation for damage to property by fire apparatus.

W. L. Huber, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Columbus avenue and Camden street.

Beatrice Ingham, for compensation for loss of clothes taken from locker at Tenean Beach.

Angelina Iula, for compensation for damage to property at 138 Prince street, caused by break in water main.

Margaret Kittredge, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 334A Massachusetts avenue.

Melvina Landick, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Public Garden.

Ethel Madden, for compensation for damage to property at 18 St. Martin street, caused by defective water valve.

Phyllia McGillicuddy, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Billings Field Playground.

Mrs. James J. McNamara, for compensation for property taken by ashmen.

Walter S. Milliken, for compensation for damage to property by sanitary truck.

James H. Murray, Jr., for compensation for injuries caused by sanitary truck.

John F. O'Keefe, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Townsend street.

Delia Ryan, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 467 Third street.

St. Stephen Street Associates, for compensation for damage to property at 49 St. Stephen street, caused by sanitary truck.

Herbert Sampson, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Sullivan square.

Estate of Louis Segal, for rebate on pawnbroker's license.

G. Soroka, for compensation for damage to property caused by city car.

Stanley Laundry Company, for compensation for damage to truck caused by an alleged defect on Fourth street.

Lillian Tyrrell, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Ainsworth street.

Wesley M. White, for compensation for damage to car caused by falling limb of tree on Centre street, West Roxbury.

Eileen A. Doyle, for compensation for damage to car by city wagon.

Thorne M. Carpenter, for compensation for loss of hens killed by dogs.

Executive Committee.

Petition of Lena E. Everett to be paid an annuity on account of the death of James R. Everett, Fire Department.

CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The constables' bonds of Charles W. Duran and John P. Shea, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, were received and approved.

INSTALLATION OF CONDUITS, ET CETERA, DEVONSHIRE AND MILK STREETS.

A copy of an order of the Street Commissioners granting permission to the Edison Electric Illuminating Company to place and maintain conduits, pipes and manholes for the transmission of steam for commercial uses in Devonshire and Milk streets.

Placed on file.

EXTENSION OF TIME, STREET RAILWAY LOCATIONS.

A copy of the order of the Board of Street Commissioners granting an extension of time to the

Boston Elevated Railway Company in which to construct tracks on Washington street, near the Arborway, 37th location, was received and placed on file.

A copy of the order of the Street Commissioners granting an extension of time to the Boston Elevated Railway Company in which to construct tracks on Cambridge street, Boston, 48th location, was received and placed on file.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Notice was received of the following appointments by the Mayor:

Peter F. Tague, 21 Monument square, Charlestown, to be chairman of the Election Commission for the term ending March 31, 1932. Said appointment to be effective as of Friday, June 27, 1930.

Frank O. Whitney, 160 Commonwealth avenue, Boston, to be a member of the Board of Zoning Adjustment for the term ending April 30, 1934.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENTS BY HEALTH COMMISSIONER.

Notice was received of the following appointments by the Health Commissioner:

Edward C. Murphy, 19 Rockwell street, Dorchester, as food inspector for a period of three months from July 28, 1930.

Charles F. McGuffee, as permanent dairy inspector, on May 3, 1930.

Placed on file.

PAY ROLL OF REGISTRY OF DEEDS.

The pay roll of the Registry of Deeds, amounting to \$9,788.64, piecework from July 16 to July 19, regular employees from July 19 to July 31, both inclusive, was received and approved.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS.

Coun. McGRATH, for the Committee on Public Lands, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred June 30, 1930) for the sale of land in Hyde Park—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted, said order passed, yeas 17, nays 0.

2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred July 31, 1930) for lease of additional land for airport—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted, said order passed, yeas 17, nays 0.

3. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred February 10, 1930) for sale of land at corner of Chestnut Hill avenue and Commonwealth avenue, recommending the passage of the order in a new draft, as follows:

Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners be, and hereby are, authorized, under the provisions of chapter 274 of the Acts of 1899, to sell, at public auction, on such terms as said Board, with the approval of the Mayor, may deem proper, the parcel of land owned by the city at the corner of Chestnut Hill avenue and Commonwealth avenue, containing approximately 66,672 square feet.

The report of the committee was accepted, and the question came on the passage of the order.

Coun. HEIN—Mr. President, this playground is in the extreme end of Ward 21. I do not think there is any gentleman in here that is going to sell a so-called playground which is existing in his district. I have a petition from 500 children in the neighborhood who play in this playground constantly. We have one so-called playground in the district which I have since the first of the year tried to get fixed up so that when it rains they will not need bathing suits to go down there and play in it. I have also tried to have some stringers put in there so that the house will not fall over and the City of Boston have to pay money out to the children in damages. I hope the members of the Council will not pass this order.

Coun. McGRATH—Our committee has had this order before us for over two months. It was sent up by his Honor the Mayor, to sell this land which is out on Commonwealth avenue alongside of the reservoir, at an upset price of \$100,000.

There was an attorney who represented some people in that location who said that this land had been taken by right of eminent domain, and for that reason it could not be sold. We submitted the matter to the Corporation Counsel and on last Friday when we had our hearing here the Corporation Counsel came down and submitted a six-page opinion, saying that this land came under an old act of the Legislature known as the Reservoir Act, which placed the matter of the price to be accepted within the discretion of the Park Commissioners, and so the redrafted form of order was made out by the Corporation Counsel accordingly.

It appears that this land is not listed as a playground; it is part of the reservoir land. There isn't any question but what people play there, but it is an extremely valuable piece of land, 66,000 feet of land right on Commonwealth avenue, at \$100,000. There is so much available land in the section of the ward that the gentleman represents—and I find no fault with his opposing this—that could be bought for a part of this sum that it seems to me that when the city has an opportunity to sell land out on a main thoroughfare for as much money as this, this Council should not stand in the way by opposing this order as submitted by his Honor the Mayor.

Coun. HEIN—Mr. President, if they are going to use part of this money for other playgrounds and improvements in the district I have no objection. I put an order in here two weeks ago asking the Park Commissioner to secure a price for a playground up on Chestnut Hill avenue, near Wallingford road, where there is a ledge, and I received a letter stating that it would cost \$150,000. There is a tract on Chestnut Hill avenue which can be obtained, and there is another piece of land on Brainerd road, now owned by the city, assessed for \$8,000, but they say it is not large enough. There is not another available piece of land in the city that can be obtained today for a playground, and I think when we already have this place existing it should stay there.

The question came on the passage of the order, and the clerk called the roll, with the following result:

Yeas—Coun. Arnold, Bush, Cox, Curtis, Donovan, Englert, Fish, Lynch, McGrath, Murray, Power, Ruby—12.

Nays—Coun. Fitzgerald, Gleason, Hein, Kelly—4.

Chairman CURTIS—Twelve votes having been cast in the affirmative and five in the negative, there is not the necessary two-thirds, and the order is rejected.

LIST OF STREETS.

Coun. HEIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be authorized to prepare and have printed twenty-five hundred copies of a list of streets, according to the new wards and precincts, substantially in the same form as the list printed in 1928; the expense of preparation and printing to be charged to the Reserve Fund.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

SIDEWALK ORDERS.

Coun. KELLY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Bowdoin street, east side, from Church street to No. 347, Ward 15, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

Coun. COX offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Belgrade avenue, south side, from Anawan avenue to No. 338, Ward 20, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Belgrade avenue, north side, from Anawan avenue, to No. 345, Ward 20, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter, adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Anawan avenue, between Bellevue Station and Allenwood street, both sides, Ward 20, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Severally passed under suspension of the rules.

Coun. GLEASON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Highland street, from Eliot square to Dorr street, both sides, Ward 9, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

Coun. LYNCH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Norfolk avenue, from Hampden street, to East Cottage street, Wards 7 and 8, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS ON SUPPLEMENTARY BUDGET.

Coun. WILSON, for the Committee on Appropriations, submitted the following report:

The Supplementary Budget for the City of Boston and County of Suffolk which was referred to your Committee on Appropriations on July 21, 1930, totaled \$827,371.11, reductions totaling \$363,706.71 having previously been made by his Honor the Mayor out of original department estimates. Of the total amount referred to your committee, \$500,000 represents further requirements of the Public Welfare Department; \$125,777.39 additional soldiers' relief; \$50,000 additional for the official city observance of the Tercentennial and \$30,000 is for Water Service, an income producing department. The usual and not extraordinary requirements of other city departments amount to \$73,231.09, and of county departments, \$48,362.63.

More in detail your committee may well refer to a few items which suggest comment. An item of \$5,000 is required for emergency repairs on the new boilers and pulverizing units installed new only last year at the Long Island Hospital at a total cost in excess of \$185,000, which, as stated by the present commissioner last April, are highly dangerous and should never have been installed. An item of \$1,200 is for an additional trial attorney in the office of the Corporation Counsel.

An item of \$2,000 is requested by the Police Commissioner incident to plans which apparently call for early installation of a signal light system on police patrol boxes. The sum of \$4,750 represents the cost for the balance of the year of salary increases granted by the Legislature to the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Boston Municipal Court with the recent approval of the act by the City Council. The Superior Criminal Court requires a supplementary appropriation of \$20,500 even after reduction of \$10,000 made by his Honor the Mayor. One half of the amount is due to the estimated further cost of detective agency services incident to continued efforts by the office of the District Attorney to apprehend one Oliver B. Garrett. Provision for the appropriation of a further \$50,000 for Boston's Tercentennial year, making \$125,000 in all, is made

necessary by the continued discouraging failure of Boston citizens to supplement the city's initial appropriation with donations adequate for a proper celebration of this historical event.

The rapidly mounting, but apparently necessary expenditures, by both the Soldiers' Relief Department and Public Welfare Department, further accentuate the continued acute unemployment situation in our city, and the wisdom of a program of municipal construction work, preferably by day labor, which, as distinguished from contract work, absolutely insures the employment of citizens rather than aliens, and thereby automatically reduces the number of destitute families forced by hopeless unemployment conditions to accept city aid.

With thirty-seven employees and an overhead of \$77,000, the Soldiers' Relief Department is this year expending for direct relief to war veterans the sum of \$425,000. The Public Welfare Department for the same period, with sixty-three employees in the Central Office and an overhead of only \$130,000, is expending \$3,125,000, thus making total city aid for the destitute amounting to three and one half million dollars annually.

While your committee has only praise for the excellent services being rendered by both these departments in times of undoubted need and want, yet the suggestion is made that more definite localizing of the districts affected and reports less general in character may well encourage still greater cooperation from churches, associated charities and other organizations throughout the City of Boston. There is no desire by any member of the City Council to disclose or even ascertain the names of such families as now clearly and deservedly receive city aid. Mr. Walter McCarthy, secretary of the Public Welfare Department, appearing before the Committee on Appropriations at its meeting on Friday afternoon, July 25, advised the committee in response to inquiries that the department is taking care of an average of 5,000 destitute families during the year, which he stated means some 7,800 cases in the aggregate. There is no information, however, readily available with reference to the average number of cases by wards or even general districts. Your committee feels that such a survey, which Mr. McCarthy frankly admits can be done without any great hardship in the course of a few days, preferably in the autumn, would be of real assistance in concentrating as it would the assistance of local charitable agencies, awakening some degree of local community pride, and perhaps discouraging or disclosing those undoubted instances of undeserved aid, which even with a competent and conscientious department creep in to the detriment of deserving cases and to the detriment of the taxpayer, on a pay roll of over three million dollars annually. Your committee feels that it would be time well spent to segregate all cases, at least by wards, and preferably by precincts, recording for each such district

1. The number of families
2. The number of individuals receiving
 - (a) Temporary aid, or
 - (b) Substantially permanent aid, and
3. The amount.

This record could easily be prepared in the autumn, as of September 1, for example, or as of October 1, and should be available in detail for the City Council, substantially prior to the time of receiving the 1931 budget. And a record for the entire year 1930 might also well be provided. The task should not be a difficult one, where the average number of families being assisted throughout the year as of almost any date, as has been stated, is approximately 5,000, and where, as Mr. McCarthy states, the cases number about 7,800 in the aggregate. Thereafter a practice of listing all cases, or making a reference of all cases by wards, or preferably by precincts, should not incur much more additional office labor than the present custom, for example, of ascertaining in each and every individual case whether outside aid is being received from any recognized charity; - and, in fact, such systematic geographical listing should aid in that respect. In every case, in any event, Boston residence must be determined. In the Election Department all registered voters are annually listed by wards, precincts, streets and dwellings. The Police Department as of April 1 of each year makes a similar police list of all adults, whether registered voters or not. The Assessing Department it would appear each year prepares a list of all parcels of land and buildings, not only by wards, but also by precincts, and even places a

money value on each — not to mention the definite assessment and locating of personal property. Obviously the above suggested information requested from the Public Welfare Department should in comparison be most easily ascertained, and as Mr. McCarthy frankly admitted to your committee, would in the autumn be the work of but a few days.

Certainly when relief payments by two city departments now total over three and one-half million dollars annually, and when neither the end nor even a reduction is in sight, your committee submits that the suggestion now made should be and undoubtedly will be received with a spirit of cooperation.

Your committee therefore reports back the Supplementary Budget for 1930 "ought to pass."

ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.,
Chairman.

HERMAN L. BUSH,
TIMOTHY F. DONOVAN,
JOHN I. FITZGERALD,
THOMAS H. GREEN,
JOSEPH McGRATH,
ISRAEL RUBY,
Committee on Appropriations.

SUPPLEMENTARY AMOUNTS ALLOWED FOR 1930.

Assessing Department.....	\$5,000 00
Collecting Department.....	1,550 00
Election Department.....	3,995 00
Hospital Department.....	3,716 09
Institutions Department:	
Child Welfare Division.....	5,000 00
Long Island Hospital.....	5,000 00
Steamer "George A. Hibbard" and Launch "James J. Minot".....	5,000 00
Law Department.....	1,200 00
Mayor, Office Expenses.....	300 00
Tercentenary Celebration.....	50,000 00
Police Department.....	16,800 00
Public Buildings Department.....	670 00
Public Welfare Department:	
Central Office.....	500,000 00
Public Works Department:	
Lighting Service.....	4,000 00
Paving Service.....	15,000 00
Sewer Service.....	6,000 00
Soldiers' Relief Department.....	125,777 39
	<u>\$749,008 48</u>

Suffolk County Courthouse (Custodian), Suffolk County Courthouse (County Buildings).....	\$125 00 1,300 00
Jail.....	2,400 00
Superior Court, Civil Session (General Expenses).....	5,000 00
Superior Court, Criminal Session.....	20,500 00
Probate Court.....	1,125 00
Municipal Court, City of Boston.....	4,750 00
East Boston District Court.....	80 00
Municipal Court, Dorchester District.....	869 50
Municipal Court, Roxbury District.....	950 00
Municipal Court, West Roxbury Dis- trict.....	833 33
Boston Juvenile Court.....	200 00
District Court of Chelsea.....	1,633 33
Land Court.....	200 00
Associate Medical Examiner, Northern Division.....	100 00
Miscellaneous Expenses:	
Budget Department.....	500 00
Penal Institutions Department:	
House of Correction.....	7,796 47
	<u>\$48,362 63</u>

Public Works Department, Water Service.....	\$30,000 00
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Coun. WILSON—The Committee on Appropriations submits its report, and unless a request is made, I will not read the report, which consists of the first four pages in City Document No. 67, other than to call the attention of the Council to the suggestions and remarks concerning the Public Welfare Department, as to which the chairman of the committee will offer an order, after the adoption of the report.

The report was accepted, and the order passed, yeas 19, nays 0.

PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Welfare Department, through his Honor the Mayor, be, and said Department hereby is, respectfully requested to advise the City Council before the close of the current year, and as of any date most convenient for the department, and by precincts:

1. The number of families and
2. The number of individuals as of such date receiving
 - (a) Temporary aid, or
 - (b) Substantially permanent aid, and also
3. The amount.

Coun. McGRATH—Mr. President, I am glad that the chairman of the committee has introduced this order. For a great many years the amount of dole that is given out by the City of Boston has been increasing, and I do not think there is a member of this Council that wants to fight against the amount of money that is given out to the real worthy families of the city, but it seems to me that if we are going to do the most good for the people that really need help we need to watch the distribution of this money a little more closely than we have been doing up to the present time. We appropriated this year, outside of the salaries of the department, close to \$3,000,000, and in this supplementary budget his Honor the Mayor, asks for another \$500,000, which brings it up to over \$3,000,000 for this year. The men who are most familiar with the giving of aid in our city can appreciate that there are dozens of organizations that are out every day collecting for the so-called worthy families of our city. Recently there was an order issued by the state, stopping certain organizations from collecting for charitable purposes, when it was discovered that most of the money was spent in salaries for the people who were running the organizations. We know that every year, if the money that was collected in the City of Boston actually reached the families that needed it, there would be no real poverty in our city. They tell you that the people living in the lodging house districts who receive aid of \$5 a week form a great part of the people receiving aid. We brought in the secretary of the Public Welfare Department at our meeting last week, and he said that there were about six families in the city receiving \$30 per week, but that somewhere between \$17 and \$20 was the average. If you have a thousand families, with an average of four persons to a family, that would be 4,000 people in our city who are receiving the average amount of dole. In other words, if a thousand families in the City of Boston are dependent on our city, and if the average they receive is about \$1,000 a year, it only takes \$1,000,000. At that time I asked the committee this question. The Assessing Department knows not only the different pieces of property, but every single individual piece of property in every ward of the city. The police make out a list not only of citizens, but of noncitizens in every home and every building in the city. I asked the secretary of this Board: "How is this money divided as to wards?" And for perhaps the hundredth time in fifteen years, I received the same answer: "We have never drawn up the records of the department that way." Now, there is an old stock argument that is used this year, as it has been used for years in the past: Surely the members of the Legislature, or surely the members of the City Council do not want the names of the unfortunate of the city paraded before the entire city. And I assured them that we did not. But why, in the name of Heaven, can't we find, not only by wards, but by precincts, the number of people temporarily or permanently receiving city aid? I want to know in my ward, for more reasons than one, because I believe there are many local agencies that are willing to help, churches and different agencies that will help in the ward. I want to know how many people in my ward and how many people in the precincts of my ward are getting temporary or permanent aid, for this reason, that it is a little harder to have visitors going out and sometimes perhaps finding families that do not really exist. I know, and I feel certain about it—and I know it will be argued strenuously against what I say that it is not so—that \$3,000,000 properly distributed in this city this year would relieve every single case of abject poverty. That goes even in a year like this, an extreme year. We figured it out in the room there the other day, and they said \$600 was

the average for a family. That takes care of nearly 5,000 families of four persons each. That takes care of 20,000 people. That takes care of 1,000 people to a ward. That is on their own figures. When you say, "How about wards?" they say, "No; we take care of the city, the mysterious city." How about wards? How about precincts? How about getting the figures down on whether it is Charlestown, Ward 15, or whether it is the ward of the gentleman who sits in the chair that is getting the most? If there are 250 families in Ward 3, and 250 families in Ward 4, or Ward 5, there are not 250 families in my ward, there are not 250 families in Ward 16 or Ward 17, there are not 250 families in Ward 20 or Ward 21. I know the wards in this city pretty well. There are certain wards that have more families, and it is in those wards that I want the money to go. I have no objection at all, and I know the chairman of the committee has no objection to every single worthy individual and every single worthy family getting all the assistance the city can afford, but if there is one man or one old person in one of the rooming-houses of our city, or in any ward of the city, who is being denied the proper assistance that we are paying for because some family that is not entitled to it is getting it, or some mysterious family which exists in the city but not in a ward or precinct where you can put your finger on it, I want to know it. They ought to be able to say each year that of the 300 odd precincts such a precinct has so many families, and such another precinct has so many, and then the men of this body, who are more intimately connected with the real people of the ward, the gentleman in Roxbury, the gentleman in South Boston, if they saw a precinct where the families needed help, they could say, "Take part of this money and put it here." I don't care how much assistance East Boston, the West End or the South End gets. I want every individual and every family taken care of. But if there is any money being charged up to wards where they have not as many people as the number they claim to be receiving aid, I want to know it. I want these \$3,000,000 to fall into the hands of the people who need it, and I am confident that if \$3,000,000 is properly spent this year, there will be no starvation or no real abject poverty in the entire twenty-two wards of the city.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, for the reasons set forth in the committee's report, I favor very strongly the excellent point which was originally brought out by Councilor McGrath at the meeting of the Committee on Appropriations, with the one additional thought, that with the Soldiers' Relief money to be included, the amount annually to be expended by the City of Boston supposedly for the poor and the unfortunate amounts to nearer three and a half million than three million, and the committee unanimously favored the point brought out by the councilor from Dorchester.

Chairman CURTIS—Councilor Wilson moves the suspension of the rules and the passage of the order.

The order was passed under suspension of the rules.

FIRE ASSISTANCE IN OTHER CITIES.

Coun. GREEN, for the Committee on Ordinances, submitted a report on message of Mayor and ordinance (referred July 21, 1930) providing for assistance by the Fire Department to other cities and towns—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said ordinance passed.

ORDINANCE ON UNNECESSARY NOISES.

Coun. GREEN, for the Committee on Ordinances, submitted a report on the ordinance, referred June 23, 1930, to prohibit unnecessary noises from radios and other machines,—recommending the passage of the ordinance in a new draft, as follows:

An Ordinance Prohibiting Certain Unnecessary Noises.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section 1. No person owning or having the care, custody or possession of any musical instrument, radio set, phonograph, victrola or other machine or device for producing or reproducing

sound shall operate or use or permit to be operated or used such machine or device in such a manner as to disturb the peace and comfort of the neighboring inhabitants, or at any time with louder volume than is necessary for convenient hearing for the person or persons who are in the room or chamber in which such machine or device is operated and who are voluntary listeners thereto. The operation of any such machine or device between the hours of eleven o'clock p. m. and seven o'clock a. m. in such a manner as to be plainly audible at a distance of fifty feet from the building or structure in which it is located shall be a violation of this ordinance prima facie. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to prohibit playing by a band or orchestra in a hall, building or in the open air, but this exception shall not apply to a reproduction of such playing by any machine or device, nor shall the provisions of this ordinance apply to radio broadcasting under municipal or other government authority on a public ground, playground or park, or to the use of loud speakers or amplifiers by a daily newspaper in reporting elections or other events of public interest, or to the use of amplifiers at a political or other public meeting or to advertise the same.

Sect. 2. Any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a penalty not exceeding twenty dollars for each offence, and not only the person actually doing the prohibited thing but also his employer and every other person concerned in so doing shall be subject to such penalty.

The report was accepted and the question came on the passage of the ordinance.

Chairman CURTIS declared the ordinance passed.

Coun. MURRAY—Mr. President, I doubt the vote and call for a roll call.

Chairman CURTIS—The clerk will please call the roll.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to make a statement.

Chairman CURTIS—The Chair, hearing no objection, the councilor may proceed.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. Chairman and members of the Council, in view of the heat of the day, and because I felt, due to the outpouring of the citizens interested in this ordinance, that there would be no substantial objection, I had not intended to weary the Council with a resume of what happened at the public hearing. But I feel, because there seems to be now some doubt from unexpected sources, and because I feel the Mayor of the city should have before him, as a matter of record, exactly what occurred, that something should be said in defence of this proposed ordinance. This ordinance to stop the unreasonable use of radio loud speakers is designed to fill the only gap of any importance in our laws regulating noise nuisances in the City of Boston. It was introduced in the interest of the sick, in the interest of the workman who needs his rest, in the interest of mothers trying to put young children to sleep, in the interest of those radio owners who wish to pick their own programs, and in the interest of business men who wish the right to conduct their business without unreasonable interference. There is no desire to stop the playing of radios, but merely to insure the use of radio loud speakers in such a reasonable manner as shall not unreasonably disturb the peace and comfort of others. The wording, I submit, seems fair enough,—shan't be operated "at any time with louder volume than is necessary for convenient hearing for the person or persons who are in the room." Between 11 p. m. and 7 in the morning, the ordinance says, the operation of a radio loud speaker loud enough "to be plainly audible at a distance of 50 feet from the building in which it is located" shall prima facie be considered the unreasonable use referred to. The Committee on Ordinances held two hearings. Who are the proponents and opponents of the proposed ordinance? I believe that those who attended the hearings will agree that public opinion is almost unanimous in favor of the passage of the proposed ordinance. The very substantial support at the public hearing, included Mary H. Tolman, secretary of the Women's Educational and Industrial Union, an organization of between 4,000 and 5,000 members, believing, as she stated, that "in general radio owners get as much enjoyment out of their radios if the sound is more or less confined to their own homes."

Also Mrs. Frederick T. Lord, representative of the Women's Municipal League of Boston, an organization of 1,400 members, who stated, "This

mix-up of the radio is very hard on the children. It is very hard for them in curtailing their hours of sleep, and very hard on the mothers; besides the nervous strain which noises cause and which are now recognized as more serious than ever before."

Also Alice M. MacIntire, representing the Elizabeth Peabody House on Charles street, an organization of 2,000 members, who commented on the difficulty of getting children to sleep and said, "Late at night loud noises of the radio have been found very objectionable; also in cases of illness."

Also Marian C. Nichols, Secretary of the Beacon Hill Association.

Also Charles A. Newhall, representing the Boston Real Estate Exchange, who stated, "I feel that this bill is one to curtail the power of a few disagreeable or thoughtless individuals, and that the ordinary radio owner does not condone this nuisance in any way. I feel that it would help the sale of radios. It would cut out some of the hate that a great many people have against radios because of such nuisance and noise, and if they could have one of their own and have a program of their own they might be interested, and so as not to be annoyed by other people."

Also former City Councilor Horace Guild, appearing as Secretary of the Back Bay Association.

Also Edward T. Hartman, State Advisor of Housing and Planning, representing the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, who pointed out the advantage of the ordinance in filling the one real gap at present existing in our laws against noise nuisances. Mr. Hartman stated, "The radio people have no more license to oppose a regulation of radio loud speakers than automobile horn manufacturers have to oppose the regulation of the use of horns."

Also numerous individuals, including among others M. C. Ryan, real estate man from Dorchester; Lieutenant of State Police Joseph L. Ferrari, and Mrs. M. J. Lewis of West Roxbury; E. B. Oliver of Riverway, D. G. Keith of St. Germain street, A. McCauley of the South End, and B. T. Goldie, J. F. Lynch and S. P. Kelly of Allston. In addition scores of letters were received, of which these few are typical.

Roxbury, 12 Hampshire Street.

Dear Mr. R. G. Wilson,

Member of Boston City Council.

My wife, Mrs. Mary E. Gardner, is on her death bed and the loud speaker in garage across street keeps going at night until after 12 o'clock with a gang around. She has but a short time to live. This is a sad case. She can not talk from shocks. Read in Daily Boston Post what you are trying to do stopping them. May you do so.

HUSBAND.

10 Radford Lane, Ashmont, Mass.,

June 24, 1930.

Councilor Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.

Dear Sir,—I want to thank you for your proposed ordinance to limit radio noise to 11 o'clock. I think you will make a lot of friends not only in Dorchester, but throughout the entire city.

Last summer there was one fully 100 feet away that could be distinctly heard on several occasions after twelve o'clock at night, to say nothing of the noise it made during the day.

We enjoy our radio, but we keep it in the house. I certainly hope the other councilors will back you up.

Sincerely yours,

MRS. MARGARET C. BURKE.

15 Royce Road, Allston, Mass.

June 24, 1930.

Councilor Wilson.

Dear Sir,—Having seen by today's paper that you had introduced an order in the City Council to restrict radios so they will not be an annoyance to persons in the neighborhood, I wish to say I think it is one of the most needed bills that could be introduced.

Every day the noise is becoming more unbearable and I wish you every success. I shall ask the councilor from this ward to support your measure.

Yours truly,

JOSEPH F. LYNCH.

Leopold Morse Company, Boston, Mass.
City Councilor Robert Wilson, City Hall, Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Wilson,—In behalf of my company I trust you will be able to pass the proposed ordi-

nance against the operation of loud speakers. Our business, as you know, is on the corner of Washington and Brattle streets and repeated requests on our part to have the many radio dealers on Brattle street discontinue these loud noises during the whole of the working day have not met with very much success. Protests on our part seem to silence them for a day or two, and then they start all over again.

I believe, unless there is some national event of major importance in which the general public are particularly interested, that your ordinance should pass. There might be some exception at certain times of the year when it might be for the interest of all concerned to allow the loud speakers a chance to be heard, but the way they are carrying on at the present time shows an entire disregard of the Golden Rule.

Hoping you will be successful in the regulation you are contemplating, I am,

Very truly yours,

J. C. MORSE,

July 11, 1930. President, LEOPOLD MORSE.

Brighton, Mass., July 7, 1930.

Mr. John F. Baldwin, Clerk of Committees.

Dear Mr. Baldwin,—Having noticed your announcement in today's Boston Post I would like to make a suggestion.

As one who has suffered from radio noises in an apartment to the extent of having to move and the loss of ten pounds from lack of sleep in one month's time. The fifty feet may be all very well for the outside neighbors but it does not help one bit the ones who live upstairs or downstairs from the offending machine.

The rumble and vibration outside of the music is most annoying to a tenant of an apartment house. I do trust you can do something regarding this.

Very truly,

MRS. E. NEUMAN.

Against such substantial public sentiment and the demand for some relief against the most modern noise nuisance, the only real and substantial opposition was on the part of Mr. Frank C. Gorman, a Winthrop resident but Boston attorney, representing the twenty-nine radio jobbers comprising the Radio Wholesalers, Inc., and Mr. C. C. Colby, president of Sampson Electric Company of Canton and chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Wholesale Radio Dealers of Massachusetts. Mr. Colby admitted there was no apparent objection at all to the form of the proposed ordinance so far as the winter months are concerned, and even during the summer months he frankly admitted that only about one half of one per cent of all radio users would in any event prove unreasonable. One of my colleagues, I understand, has suggested that various radio stations themselves request tuning down of radio loud speakers after 10:30 or 11 p. m. The suggestion may have some merit, and only a few will be so unreasonable as not to recognize any mere request. I am inclined to agree with the expert, Mr. Colby, that 99 per cent of our people will comply gladly with any regulation of loud speakers. It is that small per cent of small and unreasonable radio users who make any regulation at all a necessity, and it is that one half of one per cent of Boston residents who would be affected by the adoption of the present ordinance. Certain opponents of the ordinance have already taken it on themselves somewhat boastfully to commit his Honor the Mayor in advance. I know full well that his Honor will continue to do his own thinking and continue to make his own decisions, as has been his custom in the past. I confidently believe that he will recognize the substantial arguments advanced by these spendid civic associations which have shown, with reference to the proposed legislation, such an active public interest,—and obviously without selfish motives. And most especially I feel confident that his Honor the Mayor will recognize the almost unanimous public sentiment in favor of this legislation. I therefore urge adoption of the ordinance as amended. On coming into the Council Chamber there was called to my attention one of several circular letters which were sent out by the attorney for the radio dealers of Boston in their effort apparently to drum up a little real, substantial, logical, if any, objection to the adoption of the proposed ordinance, and I was interested to see how hard up they were when they wrote this paragraph:

"If each member therefore, who is interested and can spare the time, will write to the secretary at once and mention any points which might be used in argument against the ordinance, it would materially help in drafting a sound argument which could be presented to the Council.

"Just send a letter to the writer today stating any reasons you have why the proposed ordinance should be defeated."

And I gathered from the arguments that were advanced before the Committee on Ordinances, either that there was no response to the hectic appeal, or that the arguments which were advanced failed to have an appeal for the attorney who came up here, for he, with decent self-respect, apparently, failed to advance such arguments as he had received. But I repeat, public sentiment in this city is almost unanimously in favor of the adoption of this ordinance. The only objection is from a few radio dealers and a paid attorney living in Winthrop who came up here and said his piece. And I say to the members of this Council that there has been no argument advanced at the public hearing, at which so many of you were present, against the adoption of this ordinance, which has been amended in two respects to take care of the only reasonable objections which were advanced.

Coun. NORTON—Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent to make a statement.

Coun. BUSH—I object.

Chairman CURTIS—The Chair hears objection.

The question came on the passage of the ordinance; the clerk called the roll with the following result:

Yeas—Coun. Arnold, Bush, Curtis, Donovan, Englert, Fish, Gleason, Green, Hein, Lynch, Mahoney, McGrath, Power, Ruby, Wilson—15.

Nays—Coun. Cox, Fitzgerald, Murray, Norton,

—4.
The ordinance was passed.

PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF FURNIVAL ROAD.

Coun. MURRAY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Furnival road, Ward 19, as a public highway.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

REPAVING WOODMAN STREET.

Coun. ENGLERT offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Woodman street, Ward 11.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

RESURFACING WHITNEY STREET.

Coun. POWER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Whitney street, Ward 10.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

UNITED STATES CENSUS ENUMERATION OF UNEMPLOYED IN BOSTON.

Coun. NORTON offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to ascertain for the information of the City Council whether or not the United States census enumerator, in tabulating the unemployed of Boston, refused to count as unemployed those who stated that they had been promised employment.

Coun. NORTON—Mr. Chairman, perhaps the greatest industrial authority in America, the lady who heads the Industrial Commission of the State of New York, brought to the attention of the American people the fact that the United States census enumerators here in Boston and in New York, in counting the unemployed, refused to count those who said they were promised a job. I don't suppose there is one person in one hundred who is out of work that some one has not promised a job.

I would like to quote two lines from her letter, Mrs. Francis Perkins, Industrial Commissioner of the State of New York:

"I have information definitely that the United States census enumerators followed the same procedure in Boston and in other cities. My information is to the effect that all over the United States the enumerators were instructed not to include among the unemployed those who said they were laid off and expected to go back to their jobs in the future. This group, of course, consists, in my opinion, of exactly the group which we want to have counted, those who are out of work because of the business depression, and not through fault of their own."

Therefore, Mr. President, I respectfully suggest that his Honor the Mayor inquire from the United States census enumerator whether it is a fact that in this city those who said they were promised work were not counted in the census of the unemployed.

The order was passed under suspension of the rules.

PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF CLEMENT PARK.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor to lay out and accept Clement park, Ward 17, as a public highway.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

On motion of Coun. WILSON the Council took up the following appointment as constable, under unfinished business:

No. 8 on the calendar, Robert T. Cary.

On motion of Coun. CURTIS, the Council took up the following appointments as weighers of coal:

In No. 1 on the calendar, Mary B. Kirley, William T. Kirley, Sara L. Cleary, John D. Garvey and Paul D. Richenburg.

The question came on confirmation, and the Chair appointed Coun. Green and Cox to receive, count and sort the ballots.

The appointments were severally confirmed: Yeas 16, nays 0.

LICENSE TO BOSTON ELEVATED TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH STATIONS.

On motion of Coun. MURRAY, the Council took up, under Unfinished Business, No. 12 on the calendar, viz.:

12. Petition of Boston Elevated Railway Company to operate motor vehicles between North Station and South Station over Causeway, Canal, Washington, Devonshire, State, Congress, Milk Federal streets and Dewey square; returning over Dewey square, Federal, Milk, Congress, Exchange streets, Adams square, Washington, Canal, Traverse and Portland streets. The above route is in substitution of the licenses granted by the City Council under dates of August 4, 1926, and December 8, 1926, and the petitioner agrees upon the granting of this license said former licenses shall be cancelled and become null and void.

The question came on granting the license, the question was taken and the license was granted.

PROPOSED SALE OF LAND ON PUTNAM AVENUE.

On motion of Coun. CURTIS, the Council took up, under Unfinished Business, No. 2 on the calendar, viz.:

2. Ordered, That there be sold at public auction, at an upset price of \$3,500, land in the possession of the Park Department, and located in rear of 80 West Cedar street, with frontage on Putnam avenue, and now assessed for \$2,400.

On July 21, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 20, nays 0.

The question came on the passage of the order and the order was passed, yeas 19, nays 0.

RECESS.

The Council voted at 3.30 p. m., on motion of Coun. WILSON, to take a recess subject to the call of the President. The members reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by Coun. CURTIS at 3.40 p. m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT.

Coun. MAHONEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and orders (referred today) for transfers within departmental appropriations—recommending passage of orders as submitted

Report accepted; said orders severally passed, yeas 15, nays 0.

MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT.

Coun. GREEN moved that when the Council adjourn it adjourn to reconvene on the first Monday after Labor Day.

The motion was carried.

Adjourned, on motion of Coun. NORTON, at 2.45 p. m., to meet on Monday, September 8, 1930, at 2 p. m.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, August 18, 1930.

Special meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President LYNCH in the chair. Absent, Coun. Cox, Dowd, Mahoney.

CALL FOR MEETING.

The meeting was held pursuant to the following call:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 13, 1930.
To the Members of the City Council.

Gentlemen,—You are hereby requested to assemble in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, on Monday, August 18, 1930, at two o'clock p. m., for the purpose of taking action on an appropriation for boiler plant, Long Island Hospital, and such other business as may come before the meeting.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments for the term ending April 30, 1931, viz.:

Constables: Louis Nathan Kaiser, 129 Intervale street, Roxbury; Joseph I. Cotter, 760 Canterbury street, Boston; Frank J. Staula, 83 Maple street, Hyde Park.

Weigher of Goods: Harry Carpenito, 27 Taft place, Roslindale.

Weigher of Coal: James E. Lloyd, 4 Park road, Winchester.

Severally laid over one week under the law.

VETO OF ORDINANCE REGULATING
OPERATION OF RADIOS, ETC.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 6, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I beg to return, without my approval, the ordinance adopted by your honorable body under date of August 4, 1930, for the following reasons: That the ordinance drafted is most drastic in character; that the penalty it proposes shall be imposed is most excessive, and that the provision with reference to the volume of sound gives too much latitude both to an unfriendly neighbor and to the law enforcing powers.

Further, that the operation of law under the ordinance as proposed would constitute a serious infringement on personal liberty which, in my opinion, is sufficiently restricted.

I am in agreement with reference to the necessity for the regulation of the operation of phonographs, victrolas or other machines or devices for producing or reproducing sound, operated in connection with any business concern, either as a means of entertainment or for advertising, and am heartily in favor of a regulation which would prohibit operation in such places between the hours set forth in the ordinance.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

TEMPORARY LABORERS AND
TEAMSTERS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 18, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report

from Joseph A. Rourke, Commissioner of Public Works, regarding your request for sufficient funds to keep temporary laborers and teamsters at work in the Public Works. This is in reply to your order of July 21, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department, August 8, 1930.
To His Honor the Mayor.

In reply to the attached order in Council, by Councilor Fitzgerald, "That his Honor the Mayor be requested to provide sufficient funds to keep temporary laborers and teamsters at work in the Public Works Department," we have just sent a requisition to Civil Service for forty additional laborers for temporary work in this department.

Yours respectfully,
JOSEPH A. ROURKE,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

RESURFACING OF WHITNEY STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 18, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen—I herewith transmit to you report from Joseph A. Rourke, Commissioner of Public Works, regarding your request to resurface Whitney street in Ward 10. This is in reply to your order of August 4, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department, August 14, 1930.
To His Honor the Mayor.

In reply to order in Council, by Councilor Power, that the Commissioner of Public Works be requested to resurface Whitney street, Ward 10, our paving program for this year has been practically completed and includes other streets in Ward 10. If this street is to be given consideration it should be included in next year's program.

Yours respectfully,
JOSEPH A. ROURKE,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

REPAVING OF WOODMAN STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 18, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I beg to forward herewith report received from the Commissioner of Public Works with reference to the repaving of Woodman street, Ward 11. This is in reply to the order passed by your body on August 4, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department, August 14, 1930.
To His Honor the Mayor.

In reply to attached order in Council, by Councilor Englert, that the Commissioner of Public Works be requested to repave with smooth paving Woodman street, Ward 11, our paving program for this year has been practically completed and includes other streets in Ward 11. If this street is to be given consideration, it should be included in next year's program.

Yours respectfully,
JOSEPH A. ROURKE,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

FIRE PROTECTION, METROPOLITAN HILL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 13, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I beg to forward herewith report received from the Fire Commissioner, the same constituting a reply to the order adopted by your honorable body under date of June 30, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Fire Department, July 26, 1930.
Edward F. McLaughlin,
Fire Commissioner.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston:

Dear Sir,—I return herewith the following order passed by the City Council:

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to investigate and report to the City Council the advisability of providing increased fire protection for the Metropolitan Hill section of Ward 18.

In City Council June 30, 1930. Passed.

The nearest companies to Box 2564 at the top of this hill are Engine 45 and Ladder 16. The distance from the fire station in which these companies are quartered to that box is seven tenths of a mile, and they respond to this box in from three to three and one half minutes. In addition, Engines 30, 53 and Ladder 25 respond to that location in approximately five minutes.

The response to boxes on the lower or east side of the hill, in addition to Engine 45 and Ladder 16, calls for Engines 48, 53 and Ladder 10. Engine 48 and 53 reach the scene in about five minutes and Ladder 10 in about seven minutes.

From an investigation of the chief officials of this department it appears that the fire protection for Metropolitan Hill is adequate at the present time.

Yours very truly,
EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN,
Fire Commissioner.

Placed on file.

TRANSFERS WITHIN DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 18, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the attached requests for transfers within departmental appropriations, and respectfully recommend adoption of the accompanying orders.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Registry Department:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Assistant City Registrar, 1 at \$2,600—\$2,900 a year, \$79.90, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Assistant City Registrar, 1 at \$2,200—\$2,500 (\$2,700) a year, \$79.90.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Public Works Department, Sanitary Service:

From the appropriation for A-2, Temporary Employees, \$22,000, to the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, \$22,000.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Bridges, Repairs, etc., \$1,150, to the appropriation for Granite Avenue Bridge, B-39, General Plant, \$1,000; E-3, Bridges, \$150.

Referred to Executive Committee.

TRANSFERS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 18, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I am advised that the appropriation granted the Art Commission in the budget of this year for the cleaning of municipal statues has proved insufficient. To properly complete the work an additional appropriation of \$700 is required.

I submit herewith an order providing for the transfer of this amount from the Reserve Fund

to the budget of the Art Commission, and respectfully recommend the adoption of this order by your honorable body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Reserve Fund, \$700, to the appropriation for Art Department, B-39, General Plant, \$700.

Referred to Executive Committee.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 18, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—Special appropriations were made by your honorable body last year for the construction of field houses at the Barry, Francis Parkman and Readville Playgrounds.

It has been possible to complete the construction of these field houses without exhausting the original appropriations. In order that the unexpended balances remaining in the original appropriations may be used for necessary improvements at the respective playgrounds, I submit herewith three transfer orders and respectfully recommend adoption of these orders by your honorable body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Barry Playground, Field House, \$9,176.37, to the appropriation for Barry Playground, Improvements, etc., \$9,176.37.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Francis Parkman Playground, Building, \$5,105.48, to the appropriation for Francis Parkman Playground, Improvements, etc., \$5,105.48.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Readville Playground, Field House, \$1,640.18, to the appropriation for Readville Playground, Improvements, etc., \$1,640.18.

Referred to Executive Committee.

ENLARGEMENT OF EAST BOSTON AIRPORT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 14, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I beg to forward herewith report received from the chairman of the Park Department with reference to the East Boston Airport.

It is desirable, both in the interests of the unemployed and the development of the Boston Airport, that the order now pending before your honorable body be approved at once, and provided suspension of the rules is necessary, I sincerely trust that such action will be taken.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, August 13, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor,—Conditions at the airport are at a standstill. I cannot go ahead with our construction of enlarging the airport until the additional land is acquired from the State Department of Public Works.

At the present time the lease for additional land has had one hearing before the City Council and as they have adjourned until September 8, it will be October 1 before this department can go ahead with any improvements. That brings

it very late into the year and I regret to inform you that no perceptible enlargement of the airport can take place this year.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

Placed on file.

TEMPORARY LOAN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 18, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the accompanying communication from the City Treasurer, directing my attention to the fact that the sum of \$2,000,000 additional will be necessary to meet payments levied against the city pending the receipt of taxes, and I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Treasury Department, August 18, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Sir,—Of the \$24,000,000 temporary loan, authorized by the City Council under date of January 29, 1930, I have issued notes to the amount of \$22,000,000.

To August 20, 1929, the City Treasurer borrowed \$18,000,000 and subsequent to that date \$3,000,000 more (on August 28, \$2,000,000, and on September 4, \$1,000,000).

Anticipating heavier payments this year, during the next month, I think it expedient that additional authority to borrow to the amount of \$2,000,000 should be obtained from the City Council and I respectfully request you to ask for this authority at the meeting to be held today.

Respectfully yours,
EDMUND L. DOLAN,
City Treasurer.

Ordered, That to provide temporarily money to meet the appropriations for the financial year 1930, the City Treasurer issue and sell at such times and in such amounts as he may deem best, notes or certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston not exceeding two million dollars in the total, in anticipation of the taxes of the current municipal year; that all such notes or certificates of indebtedness be dated the day the money for the same is received, be made payable with the interest thereon within one year of their date from taxes of the year 1930, and bear interest from their date until the same are made payable at such rate as the City Auditor, the City Treasurer and the Mayor may determine.

Referred to Executive Committee.

WATER ABATEMENTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 15, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—It is desirable, in the interests of efficiency in the Public Works Department, that the Commissioner of Public Works be relieved of the obligation of passing upon water abatements in order that he may have all the time available for street construction.

Heretofore water abatements have been acted upon under the direction of the engineer in charge of water income and it is necessary that the ordinance be amended so that this work, when performed by the engineer in charge of the Water Income Division, shall be in conformity with the ordinances.

Accordingly I recommend the adoption by your honorable body of the accompanying amendment to the ordinance.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

An Ordinance Concerning the Abatement of Charges for Water by the Public Works Department.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Section 1. Section twenty-three of chapter twenty-seven of the revised ordinances of nineteen

hundred and twenty-five is hereby amended by striking out in the third and fourth lines of said section the words "shall make abatements of charges for water where improperly assessed."

Sec. 2. Section twenty-four of said chapter twenty-seven is hereby amended by inserting after the word "ordinances" at the end of said section the following:—"; "and who, under the direction of the commissioner, shall make abatements of charges for water where improperly assessed."

Referred to Committee on Ordinances.

LOAN FOR POWER PLANT, LONG ISLAND HOSPITAL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 18, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of a communication from the Institutions Commissioner condemning the coal pulverizing equipment in the boiler plant at Long Island Hospital as unsafe and not economical, and requesting an appropriation of \$50,000 to change over the system. I am greatly concerned with the safety and comfort of the population of the institution and if the plant is to be altered it is necessary to complete the work before cold weather sets in.

I accordingly respectfully request the City Council to give the accompanying loan order its first reading at this meeting.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the sum of fifty thousand (50,000) dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, to be expended by the Commissioner of Institutions for Power Plant, Long Island Hospital, Alterations and Improvements, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to the said amount.

Referred to Executive Committee.

ACCEPTANCE OF BEQUEST OF MATILDA JANE KENNEMON.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 18, 1930.
To the Honorable the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I am inclosing an order providing for the acceptance of the bequest of Matilda Jane Kennemon to the City of Boston, which order is self-explanatory. This estate consists of two lots of land situated in Saugus, Mass., and less than two hundred dollars in cash, after other claims and expenses are deducted.

Under the provisions of this will it is necessary for the City of Boston to give, by registered mail, a full and unqualified acceptance of this bequest and devise within sixty days from the date when the letter of notification of said bequest from the person who acts as executor or in any other capacity under said will, is mailed to the City of Boston. In order to carry out this provision it will be necessary to have this order passed immediately.

I therefore recommend for immediate passage by your honorable body the accompanying order.

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Whereas, Matilda Jane Kennemon by her last will and testament devised and bequeathed to the City of Boston the rest and residue of her estate "for the benefit of persons in that portion of the Boston Almshouse and Hospital at Long Island, Boston Harbor, which is sometimes called, whether incorrectly or not, "Long Island Hospital" as a contribution "toward the hospital care and treatment for those afflicted with chronic illness in this hospital" provided the City of Boston give by registered mail a full and unqualified acceptance of the bequest and devise within sixty days from the date when the letter of notification of the said bequest from the person who acts as executor or in any other capacity under said will, is mailed to said city; and
Whereas, The said Matilda Jane Kennemon died September 16, 1928; and

Whereas, The said will was proved and allowed by the Probate Court for the County of Suffolk on April 14, 1930; and

Whereas, James E. Maguire, Institutions Commissioner of the City of Boston, the administrator with the will annexed of her said will, sent a written notification to the said City of Boston, dated July 2, 1930, notifying the said City of Boston of his appointment as administrator and of the said devise to said City of Boston; now, therefore, it is hereby

Ordered, That the said devise and bequest made by the said Matilda Jane Kennemon to said City of Boston as set forth in her said will be, and the same is hereby, accepted by the City of Boston in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in said will.

Referred to Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and severally referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Bachelor Paint Company, for compensation for damage to property at 23 Medford street caused by leak in water main.

Mary M. Ballem, for compensation for personal injuries caused by alleged defect in Ashley street.

Mrs. Josephine Cronin, for compensation for personal injuries due to alleged defect at 152 Massachusetts avenue.

Abraham Barmak, for refund of license fees.

Mrs. William C. Coulsey, for compensation for damage to property at 160 West Selden street caused by trees.

Love E. L. Cowan, for compensation for damage to property at 568 Newbury street caused by members of Fire Department.

Mrs. M. Cullinane, for loss of clothing at City Hospital.

Walter Dawson, for refund on license.

Pierce J. Dowling, for compensation for injuries to son caused by stepping on glass at Tenean Beach.

Mrs. J. Driscoll, for compensation for damage to property at 164 Sydney street, caused by overflow of sewage.

Robert Drooker, for damage to clothing caused by oil sprayed by truck of Public Works Department.

J. B. Dwyer, for compensation for damage to automobile caused by alleged defect in Dorchester avenue.

Samuel Fischer, for compensation for damage to property at 413 Geneva avenue caused by water being shut off.

Mrs. Mollie Golstein, for compensation for personal injuries at North End Park Bath House.

Abraham Gray, for compensation for personal injuries caused by alleged defect in front of 55 Devonshire street.

Michael Griecho and Josephine Griecho, for compensation for damage to property at 183 Leyden street caused by bursting of water pipes.

J. F. Houlihan, for compensation for personal injuries to wife caused by alleged defect in sidewalk on Ruthven street.

Emma L. Jesson, for compensation for personal injuries due to alleged defect on Tremont street.

Joe & Nemo, for refund on unused refuse tickets.

Joseph Kruger, trustee, for refund of license fee for the selling of second-hand automobiles.

Salvatore Lupo, for compensation for personal injuries to son caused by defective plank on ferryboat.

Emma M. MacDonald, for compensation for personal injuries to daughter caused by roots of tree on Corey street.

Mrs. Helen A. McCarron, for compensation for damage to automobile caused by alleged defect on Ipswich street.

Estate of Patrick Meehan, for compensation for damage to property at 206 Green street caused by broken hydrant.

Leigh Morse, for compensation for damage to clothing on Boston Common.

Mrs. Rose Moscovitz, for personal injuries due to defective hyatt light in front of 828 Washington street.

Edward David Mulcahy, for compensation for personal injuries to son caused by ball thrown on playground on Glendon and East Eagle streets, East Boston.

Thomas J. Normoyle, for compensation for damage to property at 13 Atlantic street, South Boston, caused by defective sewer.

John J. O'Brien, for compensation for damage to automobile caused by being struck by truck of Public Works Department.

Edna Orr, for compensation for personal injuries caused by open trap door at playground at corner of Cornwall street and Brookline avenue.

Elizabeth A. Philbrook, for compensation for damage to automobile caused by alleged defect on Falmouth street.

Soo Sing, for refund on unused refuse tickets.

State Supply Company, for compensation for damage to truck by truck of Public Works Department, Sanitary Service.

Mrs. T. Tapper, for compensation for damage to property at 141 Sydney street, caused by flooding of sewer.

Ralph G. Watkins, for compensation for damage to automobile caused by being struck by truck of Public Works Department.

Wentworth Forman Company, for refund on unused refuse tickets.

Bushway Ice Cream Company, for compensation for damage to team caused by being struck by wagon of Public Works Department.

Jitneys.

Petition of Boston Elevated Railway for license to operate motor vehicles from the junction of Blue Hill avenue and Talbot avenue to Marine Park.

Petition of Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Company for license to operate motor vehicles from Pierce square to Ashmont Station.

Petition of Boston Elevated Railway for license to operate motor vehicles from Cedar Grove Station to Marsh and Belton streets.

Petition of Pierce Bus Lines for license to operate motor vehicles from Park square to the Dedham line.

PAY ROLL OF REGISTRY OF DEEDS.

The pay roll of the Registry of Deeds for the period from August 1 to August 15, 1930, amounting to \$4,663.61, was received and approved.

RESIGNATION OF MARTIN J. LEGGETT AS CONSTABLE.

Notice was received from the Mayor of acceptance of resignation of Martin J. Leggett as constable.

Placed on file.

NOTICE OF HEARING.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Works of a hearing on petition of Boston Revere Beach and Lynn Railroad for license to maintain filling in Boston Harbor between Wood Island and Harbor View at East Boston.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER, BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT.

Notice was received from the Mayor of appointment of P. Harry Jennings as a member of the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

Placed on file.

TRACK LOCATIONS.

Notice was received from the Board of Street Commissioners of track location granted the Union Freight Railroad on Atlantic avenue, twenty-fourth location.

Placed on file.

Notice was received from the Board of Street Commissioners of track location granted the Boston Elevated Railway Company in Columbus avenue, seventy-fifth location.

Placed on file.

INTEREST IN CONTRACT.

Notice was received from Joseph A. Tomasello, member of the Board of Appeal, of interest in con-

tract of the city with A. G. Tomasello & Son, Inc., for loaming and grading at American Legion Playground.

Placed on file.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Coun. MAHONEY, for the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, submitted a report recommending passage of order for payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the City of Boston for the month of August, 1930.

Report accepted; said order passed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

President LYNCH called up for consideration by the Council Nos. 1 and 2 on the calendar, under unfinished business, viz.:

1. Whereas, By a lease dated August 10, 1928, the City of Boston leased from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts certain land and flats situated at Jeffries Point, East Boston, which are more fully described in said lease; and

Whereas, By the provisions of chapter 53 of the Resolves of 1930 the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is authorized to lease additional land for airport purposes; now, therefore, it is

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized in the name and behalf of the City of Boston to lease from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts certain lands and flats lying easterly of the premises referred to above as having been leased by the City of Boston, and to execute and deliver all papers necessary for the consummation of said lease.

On August 4, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 17, nays 0.

2. Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be, and hereby is, authorized in the name and behalf of the City of Boston to sell at public auction at an upset price of eight thousand three hundred dollars all its rights, title and interest in and to a parcel of land with the buildings thereon situated partly in Hyde Park and partly in Milton in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on the northeasterly side of a proposed extension of Milton avenue, containing about 194,660 square feet of land; included in said sale and for the same consideration in so far as the city is legally able so to do, to sell the right and easement to pass and repass over the said proposed extension of Milton avenue, to and from the said above-described premises in all ways and for all purposes for which passageways are ordinarily used in the City of Boston, the said right and easement to terminate when and if the said proposed extension of Milton avenue is laid out, constructed and accepted by the said City of Boston; and to execute and deliver in the name and behalf of the City of Boston a deed of the said premises and rights to the purchaser in form satisfactory to the Law Department of the said City of Boston.

On August 4, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 18, nays 0.

The said orders were given a second and final reading and passage, yeas 17, nays 0.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION.

Coun. RUBY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Columbia road, northwesterly side, from Bird street to Blue Hill avenue, Wards 14 and 15, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Olney street, from No. 55 to No. 73, Wards 14 and 15, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Coun. LYNCH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along East Eighth street, both sides, from Dorchester street to K street, Ward 7, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Park street, from No. 359 to No. 365, Ward 17, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Coun. FISH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Pierce avenue, both sides, from Adams street to Plain street, Ward 16, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Centre street, from Dorchester avenue to Adams street, Ward 16, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Ashmont street, northerly side, from Dorchester avenue, across Carruth street, Ward 16, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Coun. MURRAY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Eliot street, southwesterly side, from Centre street to Jamaica way, Ward 19, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Coun. NORTON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Readville street (easterly side), from Chesterfield street to Damon place, Ward 18, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Coun. KELLY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Rill street, from No. 9 to No. 31 and from No. 10 to No. 36, Ward 15, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

EXTENSION OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF REAL ESTATE TAXES.

Coun. KELLY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to authorize the City Collector to grant

an extension of time for the payment of real estate taxes for 1929 to persons owning their homes and who are in needy circumstances at the present time.

Coun. KELLY—Mr. President, on Tuesday next, the 26th day of August, a number of homes in the City of Boston are to be sold for the non-payment of taxes. The order I have introduced today covers only persons who are striving to own their own homes, or attempting to pay off mortgages in order to own their own homes. In my ward a number of cases have been called to my attention of houses that have been advertised three weeks in the *City Record* and are about to be sold. They are really worthy cases of widows or husbands out of work who are unable to pay their taxes. If you go over to the Tax Collector's office and ask for an extension of time you are met with the answer, "If a man owns a house it is possible for him to pay taxes." You ask them, "How?" and they say, "Well, he can raise the money." But I ask, "How can a man raise money who has perhaps two mortgages on his home and is striving to pay them off?" The real estate sharks will not give him any more money, and the result is that his equity is going to be taken from him a week from tomorrow, whereas if he could get through this year, next year with better times coming things would perhaps be better. What is happening? There are a bunch of real estate shysters that stand down here in the alley, that refuse to pay even office rent, that are around looking at every one of these homes that are advertised, even going around peeping in cellar windows, with the intention of buying in at auction the homes of these people in which their lives' earnings are invested, and I feel confident that the Mayor of this city will certainly grant additional time in worthy cases only for the payment of these taxes. I have a number in my ward, and I think every gentleman in the Council must have the same conditions as exist in my ward, and I sincerely hope this order will be passed under a suspension of the rules. Another thing, Mr. President, part payment for the first time in the history of Boston has been refused by the Tax Collector. If a man owes \$225 taxes, \$224 are refused. I don't think that condition should exist in the City of Boston. Take out here in Malden where they have had a mayor for five years. Taxes have been discussed, but never has a house been sold for the nonpayment of taxes. Give these people a little more time, and I am sure they will not have to give up their homes to these real estate shysters—and most of them are noncitizens—that hang out here on Tremont street and down City Hall avenue.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

Coun. WILSON called up, under unfinished business, Nos. 3, 8, 10 and 11 on the calendar, in part, as follows, viz.:

3. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor August 4, 1930, of James J. Tracey, to be a Weigher of Coal; John Connors, to be a Weigher of Coal and a Measurer of Wood and Bark; and William H. Muldoon and James H. Muldoon, to be Weighers of Goods.

8. Action on appointment submitted by the Mayor June 23, 1930, of William J. Cleary, to be Constable.

10. Action on appointment submitted by the Mayor July 21, 1930, of George W. Long, to be Constable.

11. Action on appointment submitted by the Mayor August 4, 1930, of Stephen J. Dunleavy, George C. Riley and Frank G. May, to be Constables.

The question came on confirmation, and the Chair appointed Coun. Gallagher and Donovan to receive, sort and count the ballots. Whole number of ballots 18, yeas 18, and the appointments were severally confirmed.

IMPROVEMENT OF VOSE PARK.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Metropolitan Park Commission, through his Honor the Mayor, be respectfully

requested to make some early provision for improvement of Vose Park in the Neponset river section of Dorchester.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REMOVAL OF ASHES AND GARBAGE, DORCHESTER DISTRICT.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That, through his Honor the Mayor, the contracting firm in charge of the removal of ashes and garbage in the Dorchester district be instructed and required forthwith to comply with the requirements of the contract between that concern and the City of Boston.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, with reference to this order, I will state that apparently it has been customary in the City of Boston for those who bid for contracts for the removal of ashes and garbage to play about the same game that is played by some contractors who bid for the privilege to lay the public streets of the City of Boston. We found in the latter case, on street construction work, that the insiders—and I do not refer to this administration necessarily, but perhaps more particularly to the most recent administration—that the insiders bid knowing, for example, that although everybody is supposed to be bidding on a basis of \$5 a day for citizen laborers, the insiders will get the contract and then proceed to pay \$2 or \$3 a day for alien labor. Somewhat along the same line, those contractors who bid for the removal of ashes and garbage apparently from time immemorial bid on the basis of the conditions made by the City of Boston, which, so far as the Dorchester district is concerned, specify that there shall be a collection of garbage twice a week throughout the year, and specify, for example, that the contractor shall remove barrels from the yards when so placed as to be easily accessible. The contractor is forbidden to place the barrels on the street until one hour before collecting them, and he must remove all receptacles so placed on the same day, and after emptying the receptacles he must return them to the place from which they were taken, which is different from the provision with reference to the collection of ashes and garbage by city labor. So I make these two points: that in the Dorchester district the contractor who obtained this contract has been making money at the expense of the people of Dorchester in two respects. In the first place, although the contract that he bid on and got specifies the collection of garbage at least twice a week, the garbage in the precinct in which I live, Precinct 7 of Ward 17—at least in the street I live on—has not been collected even once in two weeks, resulting in a saving to the contractor; and in the second place, almost invariably the contractor fails to do what he agreed to do, namely, take the receptacles from an easily accessible place anywhere on your premises, take them to the street, dump them and return them to the place from which he took the receptacles, and it is easy to estimate that that item alone undoubtedly means a saving of six men each and every week throughout the winter, and it means at least four in the summer. And it seems to me that when these contractors bid to do a job, when they obtain such a valuable contract—and I assume it is valuable because there is competition enough in order to get it—when these contractors obtain such a valuable contract as that contract for the removal of garbage and ashes in a district such as Dorchester, it is up to them to fulfill the terms of the contract; it is up to them to remove the garbage twice a week as they agree to do; it is up to them to hire citizens enough to do what they agree to do, namely, take the barrels and receptacles from the yard, empty them and take them back. And I think it is time to call a halt. I think the present contractor should keep his contract, and I think when the new contract is let in January that question should have consideration.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I rise to a question of personal privilege and ask unanimous consent to make a statement.

President LYNCH—Councillor Wilson asks unanimous consent to make a statement.

Coun. ARNOLD—Does the gentleman desire to tell us what this statement is going to be about?

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, it will be about three minutes, and refers to a letter which appeared

in the City Council minutes on July 21, 1930, which I have just had an opportunity to read, and which refers to me specifically.

President LYNCH—The Chair hears no objection. The councilor may proceed.

Coun. WILSON—I wish to make reference to that letter appearing in the City Council minutes of July 21, 1930. On June 23, 1930, in presenting an order to the City Council with reference to the continued purchase of provisions and merchandise from such chain stores as fail to recognize American standards of employment, I suggested that low prices are frequently an indirect reflection of working conditions. I stated that recently a constituent who worked in a chain store had been called for jury duty, and on returning from jury duty in the Suffolk Superior Court he found he had been fired, solely because he had been called for jury service. He had served as a jurymen, and he was called before the judge of the Superior Court since on three or four occasions, and the man in charge of the store was called, and so far as I am able to ascertain from the last report the man is still looking for a job in one of these very same chain stores to which the poor of the City of Boston are sent by the Welfare Department of the City of Boston because the goods are cheap. I stated further that if these stores are going to treat their help the way they are treated, and if they are going to fire a man merely because he does his duty and serves as a jurymen, I think it high time that the Public Welfare Department and the other departments of the city should not indirectly encourage any such un-American standards of workmanship. I mentioned the name of no chain store concern, but apparently, as from time immemorial, "a guilty conscience needs no accuser," because on July 9, 1930, writing from a main office of the First National Stores, Inc., which incidentally is located in Somerville, and not even in the City of Boston, one C. F. Adams wrote to the Mayor as follows:

"As far as First National Stores, Inc., is concerned, the accusations directed by Councilor Wilson neither can nor do apply to our company. If we had an executive who discharged a man because he was called upon for jury service, the executive who discharged the man would himself be discharged. Because of the large number of employees we have, approximately 9,000, there is hardly a time when courts are in session that one or more of our employees are not engaged in jury service, and to my knowledge there has never been a single instance of discharge by reason of such absence—or ever will be."

There is an element of humor in that letter. Of course the information on which I based my order and remarks of June 23 was based on no phoney, phantom phone call, but for once I agree with the gentleman in question, when he says,

"I do not know where Councilor Wilson secured his information, but as far as our company is concerned, it does not apply, and he is as far wrong in this instance as he was at the time he stated that I was 'masquerading under an assumed name.'"

I am just as far wrong in this instance as I was then, and so I will pick just one case out of several. The man's name is Peter Martin; the address is 87 Centre street, Dorchester; the First National Store from which he was fired on his return from jury service is located at 465 Washington street, Boston, almost opposite the Cathedral; the name of the manager is Al Le Mier. This was a First National Store also. The man was fired for serving on a jury. The incident was reported to the division superintendent, McManus. Peter Martin was drawn for jury service in this room on January 6, 1930; he commenced service in the Fifth Session of the Suffolk Superior Court on February 3, 1930, with Judge John D. McLaughlin. He reported twice each week at the store during his period of jury service, and on his prompt return to work after his completion of jury service he was forthwith fired. It may have been that there was not that overwhelming evidence necessary in criminal matters for any contempt finding, but in any event the concern promised the presiding judge to take Martin back, and I know of my own knowledge that the Court has assumed that the promise was long since kept, and the man back in his former employment. He was not taken back. I trust the above facts may suggest that so far as I am concerned I base my statement on something more reliable than fairy stories.

RECESS:

The Council voted at 2.50 p. m. to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by President LYNCH at 4 p. m.

REPORT OF PARKMAN FUND COMMITTEE.

Coun. CURTIS—On behalf of the Parkman Fund Committee, I would like to report on the request for an appropriation, that the committee called a meeting but a quorum was not present. However, I have spoken to the various members, and they are agreeable to passing this appropriation, and I would like to ask that the members of the committee be polled, if that is in order, on an appropriation of \$120,000.

President LYNCH—If there is no objection, the Chairman may report back the order. There being no objection, Councilor Curtis submits a report recommending an appropriation of \$120,000 from the Parkman Fund. The question comes on the acceptance of the report and the passage of the order.

Coun. HEIN—What is the \$120,000 for?

Coun. CURTIS—Mr. President, \$5,000 is for the zoo and animals, and another \$5,000 for the aquarium and other matters of that nature; there is an item of \$45,000 for improvements out in Franklin Park, and \$65,000 for improvements in the Fens Parkway.

Coun. HEIN—He wants \$100,000 altogether, \$65,000 for the Fens, as I understand it, to put a rose garden out there. With the unemployment situation the way it is in Boston today, and with everybody having an auctioneer coming up to their houses within a week or so to auction them off, I think we can find a better way to spend \$65,000 than to put it into a rose garden at the present time. I know there are plenty of playgrounds where this \$65,000 could be spent to better advantage than in a rose garden and in Franklin Park. I think they have got their share, and that this money should be spent in other parts of the city.

Coun. RUBY—For the benefit of the councilor who has just spoken, it might be well to remind you, I having been a member of that committee since my election to the Council five years ago, that this particular money that is being asked for today is interest accumulations up to the present time from the Parkman Fund that can only be used for specific purposes. It cannot be used for anything else. And for that reason the Mayor, as well as the Park Commissioner, when this interest money accumulates, three times a year comes into the Council and submits a program for improvements in the various parks that are covered by the Parkman Fund, and the money that is available cannot be used for anything else than that specified for by the Mayor as well as the Park Commissioner.

Coun. DONOVAN—I cannot see my way clear today, Mr. President, to vote this \$125,000 for the beautifying of the Fens or of Franklin Field. Ever since I have been a member of this Council, for the past five years, the interest from the Parkman Fund has been spent on Franklin Field and on the Fens, and I think it is high time that the Park Commissioner should consult with the Parkman Fund Committee of the Council with regard to spending some of this money in the congested areas. In East Boston, for instance, I have several parks that come within the scope of the Parkman Fund, and I find it a hard job to secure one cent from the Park Commissioner to be spent in my district, and the other members of this Council who represent wards in this city have the same trouble. It is time that some of this money was spent upon other parks in our city rather than upon any particular area of the city.

Coun. MURRAY—May I ask the councilor from Ward 14 a question? Is it not a fact that this money from the Parkman Fund was also left for playgrounds?

Coun. RUBY—No. As I understand, Mr. President, the money derived as income from the estate of the late Mr. Parkman was to be used for those parks and playgrounds which were in existence prior to 1887, and for the further information of the councilor from Ward 1, I would say that Franklin Field does not get one dollar of that money, because it does not come

under the parks and playgrounds in existence at that time. The money is spent in Franklin Park, and not in Franklin Field, and is spent, as I have said, and can only be spent for parks and playgrounds in existence prior to 1887, if my memory serves me right.

President LYNCH—The Chair will state that this money has to be spent on the parks—

Coun. MURRAY—And not playgrounds?

President LYNCH—Not on playgrounds. The clerk will read the entire order for the information of the members of the Council.

The clerk read the order as follows:

"Ordered, That the sum of \$120,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commissioners, for the maintenance and improvements of the Common, and the parks in existence on January 12, 1887, as follows: Fens improvements, \$65,000; Franklin Park improvements, \$45,000; animals, birds, etc., \$5,000; aquarium improvements, \$5,000."

Coun. FITZGERALD—I move that this matter be postponed until the next meeting of the Council.

President LYNCH—The question comes on Councilor Fitzgerald's motion to postpone.

Coun. CURTIS—I would like to speak on that, Mr. President, if it is in order.

President LYNCH—Councilor Curtis.

Coun. CURTIS—Mr. President, I understand that there is a desire on the part of the Park Department and the heads of the departments concerned to get to work on this, and they are anxious to have this order go through. I received a message today that it was desirable that men be employed on this work as soon as possible, and it was reported today with that in mind.

Coun. BUSH—Mr. President, I am surprised and astonished at the attitude taken by some of the councilors with reference to the expenditure of this money in either the Fens or Franklin Park. Franklin Park and the Fens are not local propositions, they are not local parks. They are parks of which the entire city is proud. Franklin Park is one of the largest and finest parks in the entire country, and perhaps in the entire world. There have been efforts made to beautify that park continually, and people come to see it from all over the country. And more particularly now in this Tercentenary year there ought to be as much money as is available spent on both the Fens and Franklin Park. They are not local propositions. I happen to be fortunate enough to have that park in my ward, but it certainly is not used by the people in my ward alone. Every Saturday and Sunday all through the summer there are thousands and thousands of people that come from all over the city for rest and recreation in that park. There are people that come from the outlying towns to visit that park and see the zoo and the beautiful rose garden there; it is a park that serves the entire city and the surrounding towns. It is, as I have said, one of the finest parks in the world, and I am surprised that any councilor should even mention the fact that this park is a local proposition, a ward proposition. It is not. It is a matter in which the entire city takes pride. And the Fens is the same kind of a proposition. People come from all over the city to take rides through the Fenway. They take pride in showing it to guests from other cities as part of our park system. I know it is a source of pride to me to be able to take guests from out of town and show them the beautiful parks we have in the City of Boston. I think the money might well be spent in both of those places, with all due respect to the local, small parks in the congested area.

Coun. ARNOLD—Mr. President, none of these projects is in my ward and therefore I think I can speak impersonally. It is a fact that Boston is most fortunate in that a considerable portion of the maintenance of our park system is taken care of through legacies. A few years ago I had an opportunity to test out just how much Boston really thought of her park system when, upon a petition of mine to the Legislature, it was proposed that the Metropolitan District Commission take over the park system of the City of Boston, and it was not long before I was very much impressed with the pride that the City of Boston had in its own park system, and I hope that we will always be able to maintain it, even to a greater degree than we have done during these twenty-five or fifty years, or whatever the length of time may be, that we have had the opportunity to use this income to

take care of the parks that were in existence prior to that time. I hope, sir, the matter will not be postponed, and that work may proceed along the ideas that have been advocated by the Park Commissioners. There are plenty of men in the Park Department on the waiting list that need the work. Now, let us give it to them.

Coun. NORTON—Mr. President, coming from Ward 18, an outlying section of Boston, I want to say that I do not believe we have ever had a Parkman Fund allotment in that ward. Nevertheless, we are all beneficiaries of the wonderful park system of our city. I never pass 33 Beacon street but what I think of the wonderful man who lived there, and the great good that his bequests have been to the people of Boston today and generations yet unborn. I think of the man who left practically all of his fortune to the people of Boston. In the Franklin Park area we have a great park that thousands of our residents go to yearly—one of the greatest of any municipality in America, and this particular rose garden that is alluded to I understand is the finest rose garden of any in this hemisphere. I think we are all beneficiaries of it, and I do not think we should take a local, provincial attitude on it. Because the park in my district has not been benefited by the money left by that great Bostonian, Francis Parkman, there is no reason why I should stand here, feeling as I do, that our district is in need of park facilities, and oppose a request made by the Park Commissioner and a board of experts to the Mayor of Boston to further beautify in this Tercentenary year the beautiful rose garden that is already there, and to add further to our wonderful park system that our people enjoy today.

Coun. HEIN—Mr. President, I noticed here on Thursday, August 14, in the Boston Herald, the Mayor says he wants \$50,000 for a rose garden in the Fenway and \$50,000 for a rock garden in Franklin Park. We have some forty-eight or fifty acres out there in Brighton, and we cannot get settees or shade trees, let alone \$50,000 for a rose garden, which they are asking for the Back Bay, and \$50,000 for a rock garden out in Franklin Park.

Coun. DONOVAN—I am not opposed, Mr. President, to the beautifying of the park system of Boston, but I think the time has arrived to spend some of this money on other parts of the city. I have three or four parks in East Boston that were in existence at the time of Mr. Parkman's death and which come within the terms of his will, but during the past five years that I have been a member of the City Council I do not know of one instance wherein the Park Commissioner has spent any of that money in the congested areas. I do not blame Councilor Bush or Councilor Arnold for wanting to beautify the Fens and Franklin Park, due to the fact that this is the Tercentenary year in Boston, but it is high time that this money was utilized in some of the congested districts. In East Boston I represent some 70,000 people. We have a World War Memorial Park in East Boston which has been in existence, I will say, for nearly 100 years, but we have not had one cent of that money spent there during the past five years. In the closing hours of our last administration here last year there was an order came in for something like \$50,000, if my memory serves me right, to build a building with this money in Franklin Park or in the Fens—I forget which it was; my memory is not quite clear on the subject—and I say it is high time that the interest from this fund should be used in some of the congested areas of this city, for the benefit of the men, women and children of those congested areas.

The question came on Councilor Fitzgerald's motion to postpone; the question was taken and the Chair declared the motion lost.

Coun. HEIN doubting the vote, a rising vote was taken with the following result: Yeas 4, nays 13.

The Chair declared the motion lost.

The report of the committee was accepted.

The question then came on the passage of the order, and the clerk called the roll with the following result:

Yeas—Coun. Arnold, Bush, Curtis, Englert, Fish, Fitzgerald, Gallagher, Gleason, Green, Kelly, McCarthy, Murray, Lynch, Norton, Power, Ruby, Wilson—17.

Nays—Coun. Donovan and Hein—2.

The order was passed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. WILSON, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of the Mayor and order, referred this day, for the acceptance of the bequest of Matilda Jane Kennemon, recommending passage of same.

Report accepted; order passed.

2. Report on message of the Mayor and orders, referred this day, for the transfer of loan appropriations to various playgrounds; that same ought to pass.

3. Report on message of the Mayor and order, referred this day, for the transfer of \$700 from the Reserve Fund to the Art Commission—that same ought to pass.

4. Report on message of the Mayor and order, referred this day, for transfers within departmental appropriations—that same ought to pass.

5. Report on the message of the Mayor and order, referred this day, for a loan of \$2,000,000 for temporary purposes—that same ought to pass.

The said reports were severally accepted and said orders severally passed, yeas 19, nays 0.

6. Report on message of the Mayor and order, referred this day, for a loan of \$50,000 for Institutions Department for power plant alterations and improvements at Long Island Hospital—that same ought to pass.

The report was accepted.

The question came on the passage of the order. Coun. MURRAY—Mr. President, I would like to have this laid on the table for one week, or at least until the next meeting. There is a difference of opinion between the heads of the two departments that are interested in this loan order, in that one says that the oil burners and the coal pulverizers are not right, and the other says they are right. I would like to have some outside engineer give us a reason why they are right or why they are not right, so that I would like to have it laid on the table for one week.

President LYNCH—The Chair will state that the next regular meeting of the Council is September 8. Councillor Murray moves that the order be laid on the table until the next regular meeting of the Council. There is no debate on it.

The question was taken and the Chair declared the motion to lay on the table lost.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Coun. ARNOLD—Mr. President, I hesitate to get into this debate, after what was said in the meeting of the Executive Committee. It seems that the preponderance of the evidence showed an endeavor on the part of the present Institutions Commissioner to discredit the man whom he had succeeded. The members of the Council who were here last year will recall that it was emphasized that if we made this improvement, if we appropriated the money necessary for this improvement at Long Island, we would have a more efficient heating of that institution, as far as the supply of heat is concerned, and a more economical carrying on of the business of that department. Now we are told that was all wrong; there is not a scintilla of proof in any of the arguments which I believe influenced us last year to pass favorably upon an appropriation to install these feeders for those boilers at Long Island. Now, the gentleman who held that position last year and during a former administration was not, I submit, an engineer. The man who spoke to us today may be an orator, but he is not an engineer. The former commissioner was advised by somebody that that system would be an effective and efficient one. The present commissioner has told us that he has been advised that such a system is a most inefficient one. Now, they both cannot be right. One of them we did go through with last year, and I believe we should not now about face and retreat, in the face of personal abuse and condemnation of a previous administration. I appreciate the fact that Mr. Maguire is a practical politician, but I want to refer him to something that interested me in this morning's press, where it said that a great fraternity was going to take up the cudgels and fight for purity in politics, as far as the vilification of candidates was concerned. I believe that if that great fraternity promulgates that it will have done one of the finest things that has ever been done in political life. It said, as I recall, that many people would hesitate and have hesitated to run for office because of the liberty given for personal abuse and attacks. Now, I do not know that Mr. Maguire is an exception. I believe he is as vulnerable as

any of those who have preceded him. I believe he is as vulnerable as the former and present mayors of Boston. I believe he is as vulnerable as any member of this Council, and I do not believe that it is necessary for him, in order to have an efficient administration of his office, to attack all of those that had anything to do with it prior to his succeeding to the office. I do not assume that he himself is going to be there forever, and I do not believe he would care to subscribe to the program that whoever shall succeed him shall show that everything that he did was for a wrong motive. I know that these feeders are being used in institutions, I know that they are being used in industrial buildings, I know that they are being used in private homes. Personally, I have had that sort of thing in view to add to the heating of my own property. I do not know that I shall use it. An argument for it has been that it is automatic, and that the fuel used is much cheaper than that you would have to feed yourself with a shovel. If I had no other reason to be against this proposition at the present time, I would be against it on account of the arguments that have been made. All of us may be accused at times of playing politics, but if the present Institutions Commissioner is playing politics as a profession, then I submit that his attitude is entirely unprofessional. If he is playing politics as a game, then I submit, sir, that his attitude has been at least very unsportsmanlike, and for those reasons, briefly, Mr. President, I must be against the proposition at the present time.

Coun. WILSON—In order that the record perhaps may be clear on both sides of the question, I think it should be pointed out that some of us, including myself,—or perhaps myself alone,—are laboring under the impression that Mr. Maguire the present commissioner, made no attempt to discredit his predecessor. Naturally he is in the position now, holding the job of commissioner of that department, of indirectly attacking his predecessor, who he apparently feels left him at the very outset of the job with some pulverizing units and boilers that had cost from \$150,000 to \$180,000, at the Long Island Hospital, which had broken down. Mr. Maguire was very firm in his belief that it was a positive danger and a horrible situation to leave those pulverizing units and those boilers in their present condition down at that institution. It is not a question of politics at the present time, because he told the Committee on Appropriations as long ago as the 16th of April in this room that he would be in here to ask the privilege of replacing that outfit; that it was experimental; that it never should have been allowed there, and that he failed to find that either the visiting staff or the chief engineer was so much as asked with reference to his opinion on the installation of this expensive outfit. He assured us today, and I have no reason to doubt his word, that he is corroborated in his belief by Guy Emerson, engineer of the Finance Commission; by James J. Mahar, of the School Department, who refused to accept a similar outfit in the schools of the city, by Miller and Smith, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; and by Manning of the Hospital Department. Apparently it seems to be almost the unanimous sentiment, even of such a merchandise establishment as Filene's, which I am informed put them in and took them out within a very short period of time, that these units are not only unsafe but are much more expensive than the outfit which Mr. Maguire asks to be provided with this money. It does occur to me—and I am constrained to agree with Mr. Maguire to this extent—that it is unfortunate that \$72,000 of the taxpayers' money should within one year, so far as experts are able to determine, prove to be an absolute waste in that particular department. It is unfortunate that the taxpayers, without there being a consultation with engineers who know their business, should be stuck \$72,000, and I think it is with that in mind, rather than for the purpose of an attack on his predecessor, that the present man who holds that office refuses, in the word of the street, "to hold the bar," and he in very plain words advised this Council in Executive Committee that so far as he was concerned he refused to accept the responsibility, as a safety proposition, of leaving these pulverizing units down at the island, and he would rather see the city recognize its loss of \$72,000 than jeopardize the lives and safety of the unfortunates who are down there. The excellent suggestion has been made that if pulverizing units were put in there which are not

mechanically perfect, proper action should be taken through the Corporation Counsel to recover some of that money for the city. I understand the councilor on my right has an order in mind along that line. However that may be, and whether or not we may be able to salvage something from this \$72,000 wreckage, it does appear that on the testimony of those experts, and on the request of the present commissioner, we should not flirt with death, but should vote to pass this order.

Coun. BUSH—I recall that when Commissioner Kinney appeared before the committee with reference to the installation of the power plant on Long Island he at that time stated that these particular units would save money for the City of Boston, and they were more efficient than the old system. The City Councilors are not engineers. They are perforce compelled to take the information that is given them by city engineers, by department heads, by commissioners, and must be guided more or less by that information as they receive it. The Council acted on the information of the commissioner, who was then the head of the Institutions Department, and passed a loan order for the power plant. The Council had nothing to do with the details of the purchase of the various units and could not know whether these particular units were efficient or not, except from information which they received from engineers employed by the city and by the department heads. We are now faced with the situation of a new department head taking office, making an investigation of his department and finding, in his opinion, a situation for which he does not wish to accept responsibility. He finds these units that were placed there by his predecessor are not only inefficient, are not only not working as they were expected to work, but finds that they are more expensive to the city and, that which is much more important, finds that they are unsafe. Could anyone who listened to the commissioner in the executive session doubt his sincerity? Could anyone doubt the emphasis of his remarks? Could anyone doubt that he takes his position and responsibility with a great deal of seriousness? The commissioner stated there that he had consulted Guy Emerson, the engineer for the Finance Commission, and that Guy Emerson agreed that the units were impractical and unsafe. He tells us that Mr. Mahar, the engineer in the Schoolhouse Department, refused to accept those units because he thought they were unsafe for the school children in the schools. He tells us that Professor Miller stated that they were impractical and he asserts that from this information he has received it is his own belief that there may be a possibility that the great incandescence and heat generated by these particular units may cause an unsafe condition in the boilers to an extent which may bring injury to some of the patients at the hospital. Is there any man here in this Council who would care to accept the responsibility of refusing to vote for this order, in the face of such a contingency, no matter how remote it may be, in the face of a contingency that at some time or other one of those boilers may explode and cause injury and death to the inmates at that institution? I cannot believe that any man in this room would care to accept such a responsibility. I for one am not willing to accept it. I believe with the commissioner that if such a condition is discovered, there is no excuse and no alibi for not remedying it immediately, and to delay the passage of this order would be the greatest mistake.

Coun. NORTON—Mr. Chairman, it is unfortunate that in our executive meeting the Chairman of the Board that came there was, to say the least, undiplomatic. I agree with my colleague from the Back Bay that the charitable way of looking at that is that it was due to physiological effect, which was very apparent to the members present. I do not believe the Commissioner wished to leave the impression that he did leave among certain members of this body. I do not believe it was necessary for him to have gone into the question of integrity regarding his predecessors. This whole matter of what kind of a stoker is the proper kind is one that has the steam world, the thermo-dynamic world in a state of upheaval today. At the Copley-Plaza Hotel they have tried out one form and changed. At the new Manger Hotel there is a great controversy on now as to what will be the permanent installation of boilers. At the hotel here opposite the Public Garden, the Ritz, they have the very same thing;

there is a great question on as regards automatic oil units, and as regards the boiler itself. I have had the proposition for a number of years of an engineer saying, "Unless you change these pulverizing units you will blow up the plant and kill somebody." What are you going to do? One man says one thing and another says the opposite. Well, there is no place in the world to repair with that argument but to go to the engineers. Go to the greatest engineer in this section of the country, if not of the whole country, Prof. Charles D. Miller, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and listen to his arguments. Go down to the Howells Technology Institute in New Jersey, and listen to theirs. It is just a question of the personal equation. Whom are we going to believe? Our commissioner, who has 1,500 people in his care down there on the island, thinks that the boilers are liable to go bad, and says that he will not assume responsibility unless we give him this change, and under those conditions I see no other way to do but to give it to him. I fully concur with the previous councilor that it is a highly argumentative matter just what is the proper type of boiler. For five years we have been trying to decide that question at the Commonwealth Pier, and are as far off now as ever. But under the circumstances, when the commissioner feels that these boilers are liable to go bad unless we install a new system, what is there to do? Who wants to assume the responsibility of leaving 1,500 unfortunates on a cold night without heat? I surely do not, and I surely am against the proposition of spending \$75,000 for something that was unnecessary or would appear to be so a year ago. It is unfortunate, but it is one of those things that we must expect every so often. Therefore, Mr. Chairman, I am in favor of the passage of this order asking for new equipment at the Long Island Hospital.

Coun. HEIN—Mr. President, I do not feel that I want to jeopardize the lives of the children at Long Island Hospital or the adult patients there. The commissioner stated the boilers were passed twice a year by the State Inspectors, and the only reason they aren't safe is in case the water gets low. They have no means of getting water in there. I asked the commissioner why we could not get light and power from the Edison Company. He said it would cost considerable money, but how much he doesn't know. Now, they have been experimenting down there on boilers for quite a while. As the councilor just said, they put them in the Copley-Plaza, at the Ritz and even on Commonwealth Pier. When are they going to stop experimenting with boilers around the City of Boston, I would like to know.

Coun. McGRATH—Mr. President, I know this debate has taken considerable time, and I do not want to inject myself into it except to stress a couple of features as they strike me. If the question was the goodfellowship of the past commissioner, Mr. Kinney, I for one would not vote against him. I enjoyed his hospitality, and he was a splendid fellow, and in or out of office he is just as good a fellow. I do not think that has any place here, whether the present commissioner or someone else referred to it. I have in mind this thought, however, that if there is anybody that wants information on this, there is nothing to prevent our taking a roll call on it at this time, and under our laws it must wait over two weeks, and the next time it comes up for roll call, anybody who has any objection can then rise and debate it on the floor, and if necessary the order could be defeated later on. However, I just want to stress this point, from a practical standpoint. I say this to you, Mr. President, and to the gentlemen in this body who represent wards such as I do, that this will be an issue in the next campaign. You are not voting on whether this present condition that obtains is good or bad. You have been asked by a commissioner, who went in to the most courageous man we have had in years, to the Mayor, and the Mayor has sent him up here, and he has brought this animal up to the doorsteps of this Council. You are now asked today to vote for the protection of the lives of 1,500 inmates of that institution, and you are voting whether you will give protection or whether you will deny protection. You are not an expert, neither am I, and neither is any man here. Experts have said that the condition that obtains is bad, experts say the lives of those people are in danger, and I do not want one drop of their blood on my hands, sir, and if there is a man in this Council courageous enough to assume

the responsibility when the roll is called, I want to see him vote against it.

Coun. KELLY—Mr. President, I feel that I should get up here now and explain the vote that I am about to make, especially as long as my predecessor from Dorchester, the previous speaker, has made the statements which he has. There is no person that will vote in favor of legislation that will benefit the city any quicker than I, but at the same time I hesitate to take \$50,000 and I hesitate to junk \$72,000 worth of machinery that the taxpayers of Boston have paid for, which has only been operating three months, and then install a \$50,000 plant, costing the city \$122,000, when there are men that say the plant that is there is O. K., and when there are men that say the plant that is there is not O. K. I have heard but one man, and that is the commissioner at Long Island, Mr. Maguire, who says it is not O. K. But he is not an expert on machinery, and neither am I. I feel that I want to explain my vote. I will never jeopardize the life or limb of a person or individual in a hospital, and do not let anybody say that against the councilor from Ward 15 because I vote against it. I am voting against it to protect the taxpayers in Dorchester who sent me in here to try to keep the tax rate down. I object strenuously to spending \$50,000 and junking \$72,000 worth of machinery that has been operating but three months, on the say so, to me at least, of one man. Now, perhaps the gentlemen who have been in the Council longer than I have more information on this subject, perhaps experts have explained it to them, and perhaps they have not, but no expert in the City Hall at any time has explained to me any danger that would come out of leaving this present \$72,000 worth of machinery intact at Long Island, and I feel that before I vote away \$122,000 of the taxpayers' money of the City of Boston I should have some information on it, and I sincerely hope this order will not pass.

Coun. RUBY—Mr. President, I hope that every man in this body has at some time visited Long Island, and I hope that the members of this body in their visits to Long Island have seen the construction and erection and present use of over \$1,000,000 of new property which was under discussion in this very body three years ago. I voted to spend that money at Long Island because I felt at that time that the expenditure of that money was necessary for the proper care and custody of the men, women and children who are unfortunately confined in that part of Boston. None of us who voted for that needs to explain his vote at this time. I have the highest regard for those who had charge of the inmates at Long Island under the previous administration, and I think no explanation by us of them is necessary. We are now confronted with a proposition. We were told, not today, but when the Institutions Commissioner was requested by the chairman of the Committee on Appropriations to appear before our Committee on Appropriations last May or June, not with reference to this proposition but with reference to his budget for 1930, that there was a certain amount of money not included in the budget, \$50,000 or \$60,000, which he would, of necessity, be compelled to ask of this body within the next few months. I do not want to differ with the Institutions Commissioner, or with any department head intrusted with the performance of his duty. He has appeared before his Honor the Mayor, and this matter has been put before his Honor the Mayor, and there is not an individual in this body but would say that at least in his opinion the Mayor has not authorized this order without some sort of investigation, and upon investigation, I assume, by the Mayor of Boston we are given this order for \$50,000. Some of you folks, and I hope every member of this body, has seen, as I have seen, the unfortunate children that are at Long Island, and I am not stressing that to create sympathy on the part of any member of this body, but I have been through that institution and I have been through that institution when some of the members of this very body told me, when I saw old men sleeping in quarters next to a boiler room, that that was a manufactured situation for my benefit as well as for the benefit of other members of this body. But when I visited that institution, unknown to anyone that I was coming, and saw that situation, I was satisfied that that situation was caused because of the lack of facilities for the proper care and housing of the unfortunates in that institution. I have been to other institutions, I have been to private institutions,

and I have always taken pride and pleasure when the unfortunates in the institutions that I have been able to visit are properly housed as they would be housed under the same conditions, were they under the care and custody of their sons or daughters, of their fathers or mothers. And that same situation ought to exist in Long Island, where the burden of taking care of the men, women and children is placed directly upon us, and can we say that for \$50,000 we are going to postpone action because we have an axe to grind? Because, if it is not an axe to grind we are bound to pass this order. When every member of this Council voted for the \$60,000,000 odd of money to be spent in this year's budget, we took the word of every department head that came before us. We did not call any experts to tell us that the Public Works Department needed \$2,000,000 or \$3,000,000; we did not call any social service workers to tell us that the Overseers of the Poor or Soldiers' Relief Department would need over \$3,000,000; we did not call any experts on the Park Department to tell us that all this money would be needed by the Park Department of the City of Boston, and now for the paltry sum of \$50,000, which we are told we are accepting the responsibility for, I think it is unfair for those who feel inclined so to do, to vote against this order. It was in mind, Mr. President, that this meeting has been called especially for this purpose, and it has that additional signification, because if anything should happen the direct burden would be on us because we had adjourned our Council considerations until September 8. But the Mayor in his wisdom, in his sound judgment—and there is no person in this room that has a right to doubt it—called us together this afternoon for this specific purpose. Do we want to wait until there is a holocaust down there? Do we want to wait until something unforeseen happens down there, as has been the case in years past, when something happened before our eyes were opened? I call attention to that situation on Beach street a few years ago. No one anticipated that would happen, but it did happen on the Fourth of July one year, and then we woke up to the fact that those situations might occur again, and we try to correct it. We owe it to the people on Long Island, because we are obligated to them. They are in our care and custody. The Mayor has done everything he possibly can, so that this proposition is away from his door. The Institutions Commissioner has done everything he can, so it is away from his door. The burden is now on us, and if we do not want to take it we must say so; if we want to assume it, we must say so. I do not want to be bold enough to say that you have got to put this to a vote today, but it becomes necessary because under the law we cannot hope to pass this to a second reading until September 8. They ought to have heat down there by September 8; they ought to have a proper heating system, without any danger to any person there, by September 8. Instead of that, if we delay this until September 8 we cannot hope to give it to them, if we do, until October. The change in the heating system is going to take some time. The unfortunates there will be compelled to be without heat. I think we ought not to figure who is responsible for it. I dare say that if these boilers were properly approved when they were installed it covers everybody in back of it, the commissioner, and even those who installed them, because if we accepted them, or our departments accepted them, we covered them. But now we are told, regardless of what our personal feelings may be, that they are unsafe, and the Institutions Commissioner as well as the Mayor will not accept the burden. The burden is on us, and we ought not to delay it any longer.

Coun. GREEN—I move the previous question.

Coun. FITZGERALD—I second the motion.

President LYNCH—Councilor Green moves the previous question.

The question was taken and the motion agreed to.

Coun. MURRAY—Mr. President, I rise to a question of personal privilege, to make a statement.

President LYNCH—Councilor Murray asks unanimous consent to make a statement. If there is no objection—

Coun. ARNOLD—It is short, no.

President LYNCH—Councilor Murray may proceed.

Coun. MURRAY—Mr. President, I want to say on this order we are going to pass today, that

I am the father of the largest family of any councilor in Boston, and I would not want a hair of their heads hurt by any catastrophe in our city. But in fairness to the other people of my district, I would like to know whether the previous commissioner is right in his judgment, or the present commissioner is right in his judgment. If there was a mistake made in the past, I believe we should wait and look into it. If the commissioner, as the councilor said, appeared before the Budget Committee and stated that he would come back in June, why didn't he come back in June? Then we would have had plenty of time to thresh it out. Why hustle this in now, and not give us a chance to debate it or see what is in back of the order? Why doesn't he go to the committee? There is where it should be threshed out. Every time there is an emergency we are asked to pass a loan order. What are they scared of? Why an emergency order? More emergency orders have come in this year than ever before.

The question came on the passage of the order.

Coun. KELLY—Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to make a statement.

President LYNCH—Councilor Kelly asks unanimous consent to make a statement. Is there any objection? The Chair hearing none, the councilor may proceed.

Coun. KELLY—I did not feel I would be cut off from at least having a chance to answer this question. As my colleague from Dorchester says, this may mean the political future of any councilor, and I think it only fair that I should further justify my vote that I am going to give on this question by saying that I have investigated and found out that the state inspectors have O. K.'d this plant costing the City of Boston \$72,000 at Long Island. They have O. K.'d it. No city inspector has run it down. Professor Miller or no authority on this technical subject was here today. It is just on the say-so of the commissioner who has been in office four months that we are asked to pass this order. If such an emergency existed, I ask him why didn't he present it three months and a half ago? Why did he allow the people at Long Island to remain in danger four months? What is he trying to do now? As my colleague from Dorchester says, he is trying to put us right in the bag. There is no question about it. He is trying—and that is the term he used in there—to put us in the bag. Let him not come here and attempt to pass through an emergency order, and try to say that we are refusing to protect the lives and safety of the public at Long Island. I just wanted to rise to make this statement, because I was shut off.

The question came on the passage of the order, and the clerk called the roll with the following result:

Yeas—Coun. Bush, Curtis, Donovan, Englert, Fish, Fitzgerald, Gallagher, Green, Lynch, McGrath, Norton, Power, Ruby, Wilson—14.

Nays—Coun. Arnold, Gleason, Hein, Kelly, Murray—5.

The order was rejected, fifteen votes being required.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I move reconsideration, and ask that it be assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

The motion to reconsider was carried.

Coun. MURRAY—Mr. President, I would like to make a motion at this time that it be sent to the committee, so that we could then investigate it and bring in the people we want to get the information from. Then at the next meeting we may be satisfied to pass it.

Coun. KELLY—I second that motion.

President LYNCH—What is the motion again, councilor?

Coun. MURRAY—I make a motion that we refer it to its regular committee, so that we may then have a chance to go over it and find out the real right and wrong on both sides of the question.

President LYNCH—Councilor Murray moves the reference of the order to the Finance Committee.

The question was taken, and the Chair declared the motion lost.

Coun. MURRAY doubting the vote, the clerk called the roll, with the following result:

Yeas—Coun. Arnold, Curtis, Gleason, Hein, Kelly, Murray—6.

Nays—Coun. Bush, Donovan, Englert, Fish, Fitzgerald, Gallagher, Green, Lynch, McGrath, Norton, Power, Ruby, Wilson—13.

The motion was declared rejected.

The order was assigned to the next meeting, on motion of Coun. WILSON.

REMOVAL OF SUBWAY ENTRANCE, HAYMARKET SQUARE.

Coun. FITZGERALD offered the following:

Ordered, That the Transit Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to consider the advisability of removing the present subway entrance at Haymarket square and erecting entrances to said subway on the sidewalks adjacent thereto.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

LOAN FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING, CHARLESTOWN HEIGHTS.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That the sum of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commission, for the erection of a modern building, containing all-the-year-around shower baths, gymnasium, assembly hall, etc., on Charlestown Heights, the Breed's Hill of Revolutionary War days, to replace the present structure, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

INVESTIGATION OF CONTRACT FOR INSTALLATION OF PULVERIZING UNITS, LONG ISLAND HOSPITAL.

Coun. NORTON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to investigate the contracts for the installation of the pulverizing units at the Long Island Hospital, with a view to taking such action as may be necessary, either criminally or civilly, against the contractor.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

CLAIMS FOR DAMAGES BY HOLDERS OF TRACK FRANCHISE OR LICENSE, NEW CONGRESS STREET BRIDGE.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be, and he hereby is, respectfully requested to refuse any claim made for any damages claimed by the holders of track franchise or license at the end of the new Congress Street Bridge, or in the alternative that such license be revoked.

Coun. WILSON—With reference to that order, I understand from sources which I consider should be believed, that an effort is being made by parties owning either property or privileges at the further side of the Congress Street Bridge to collect damages or alleged damages with reference to the construction of that bridge, and I have in mind the City Council minutes of November 13, 1928, and the hearings held by the Finance Committee of that year, of which Councilor Bush I believe was chairman, and of which I had the good fortune or misfortune to be a member. At that time the Finance Committee had a grave doubt with reference to reporting back a \$500,000 loan order for the construction of the Congress Street Bridge. The chairman of the Finance Committee at that time, Councilor Bush of Roxbury, received a good deal of abuse in the newspapers and otherwise from the then Mayor, but he and the members of his committee, including myself, insisted that we felt there was a question with reference to the public policy of spending \$800,000 for a new bridge, in view of the fact that we were given to understand that three weeks prior to the introduction of the \$800,000 loan order in the City Council a spur track permit was given which would allow certain individuals to run a spur track flush across the South Boston

end of the new \$800,000 bridge. Various members of the Finance Committee at that time, including the chairman and myself, objected to the loan order on that basis, although some of us on the committee finally voted for the order on receiving assurance from the Board of Street Commissioners, or some source—my mind is a little indistinct on that at the present time—that there was an oral agreement at least between the owners of this license and the Board of Street Commissioners that they would use the spur track only during the night hours, and on the assurance being given the Finance Committee that it was a revokable license and could be revoked at any time. Having the history of that particular \$800,000 loan order in mind, and having in mind the way in which a permit was given three weeks before we were asked to vote \$800,000 for the bridge, it seems to me the height of poor business on the part of the owners of the spur track to now ask damages from the city for themselves, when the one real argument against the Congress Street Bridge was the very creation of the spur track at the end of the bridge. So I have introduced this order requesting the Mayor, with all earnestness, either to refuse any claim for damages by the owners or holders of this particular license, or to revoke the license itself.

Coun. NORTON—I heartily agree with my colleague from Dorchester in his remarks on the Congress Street Bridge spur track proposition. Many a man went into business in that section and lost a plenty because of noncooperation on the part of the railroad spur track element, and under the conditions that he illustrates I heartily favor his resolve.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

Coun. WILSON called up the names of Thomas J. Roche and Robert H. Homans, under Nos. 4 and 9 on the calendar, under unfinished business, as follows, viz.:

4. Action on appointment submitted by the Mayor May 5, 1930, of Thomas J. Roche, to be a Constable.

9. Action on appointment submitted by the Mayor July 7, 1930, of Robert H. Homans, to be a Constable.

The question came on confirmation. Committee, Coun Hein and Arnold. Whole number of ballots, 12, yeas 12, and the appointments were confirmed.

LOAN ORDER FOR INSTALLATION OF NEW BOILER PLANT, LONG ISLAND HOSPITAL.

Coun. MURRAY offered the following:

Ordered, That the sum of fifty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Institutions Commissioner, for the installation of a new boiler plant at Long Island Hospital, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Adjourned, at 5.13 p. m., on motion of Coun. KELLY, to meet on Monday, September 8, 1930, at 2 p. m.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, September 8, 1930.

Regular meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President LYNCH in the chair, and all the members present.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in accordance with law, President LYNCH and Coun. McGRATH presiding, and Coun. Ruby and Dowd making the drawing in the absence of the Mayor, as follows:

Thirty-one traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, First Session, to appear October 6, 1930:

William L. Crawford, Ward 1; John J. King, Ward 3; Edward Ray Wallace, Ward 3; Joseph Flynn, Ward 4; Michael Larkin, Ward 4; Peter Mento, Ward 8; Joseph L. Austin, Ward 9; James A. Martin, Ward 10; William F. Finan, Ward 11; George H. Lambert, Ward 11; John J. Harris, Ward 12; James F. Coughlan, Ward 13; John J. Donovan, Ward 13; William J. Daly, Ward 14; Henry A. Tougas, Ward 14; Eugene J. Haney, Ward 15; Daniel W. Hinckley, Ward 15; Daniel J. Driscoll, Ward 16; Jean F. W. Lang, Ward 16; John V. Moise, Ward 16; Philip F. Norton, Ward 16; Joseph E. Murphy, Ward 17; Ernest A. Seeley, Ward 17; George A. Foley, Ward 18; Frederick P. McGrath, Ward 18; George W. Allen, Ward 18; Abdiel H. Allendorff, Ward 19; Edmund W. Cox, Ward 20; John J. Murphy, Ward 21; John F. Daly, Ward 22; Robert D. Moore, Ward 22.

Nine traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court Second Session, to appear October 8, 1930:

Edward Fallon, Ward 2; Philip Nils John Helling, Ward 4; Everett C. Webb, Ward 4; John J. McNulty, Ward 10; John J. Sullivan, Ward 10; Herbert L. Donald, Ward 11; Philip Uretsky, Ward 14; George A. Toohey, Ward 19; Walter C. Warren, Ward 22.

Thirty-one traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, Third Session, to appear October 6, 1930:

Auranus F. Miles, Ward 1; Joseph Sacco, Ward 1; Earle W. Williamson, Ward 1; John M. Donovan, Ward 2; Timothy J. Hogan, Ward 2; Daniel McCabe, Ward 2; William F. McIntosh, Ward 2; Hyman H. Weiss, Ward 3; Stephen Leane, Ward 4; Horace S. Bean, Ward 5; Arthur Norman, Ward 5; Joseph F. Baker, Ward 7; James F. Brady, Ward 7; Charles W. Brandt, Ward 7; David A. Henry, Ward 10; Ambrose T. Waul, Ward 10; Thaddeus C. Barrows, Ward 11; Timothy J. Flahive, Ward 11; William J. MacDonald, Ward 11; John J. Healy, Ward 13; Charles Jacobs, Ward 14; William A. Kelly, Ward 15; John C. Harrington, Ward 16; Patrick F. Connolly, Jr., Ward 18; Peter J. McGowan, Ward 18; George I. Towner, Ward 18; Randall K. Morse, Ward 20; Frank E. Potter, Ward 21; Harry Greenburg, Ward 22; Michael Lucey, Ward 22; Frank X. Wright, Ward 22.

Thirty-one traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, Fourth Session, to appear October 6, 1930:

George D. Brown, Ward 1; Ralph A. W. Smith, Ward 2; Charles J. Leary, Ward 3; William W. Bellamy, Ward 5; Edgar D. Shaw, Ward 5; Daniel J. Coughlin, Ward 6; John B. Fowkes, Ward 6; Joseph F. Hines, Ward 6; Edward J. Cahill, Ward 9; Henry M. Quinn, Ward 9; John J. Glennon, Ward 10; James F. Mulloney, Jr., Ward 10; Humphrey P. Sullivan, Ward 10; Cyrus Davies, Ward 11; Alfred Hunter, Ward 11; John J. Donahue, Ward 12; John J. Bardone, Ward 13; Fred E. Knauber, Ward 13; Alphonse G. Monahan, Ward 14; John Parle, Ward 15; Daniel J. Spain, Ward 16; Raymond J. Cantwell, Ward 17; Henry E. Robinson, Ward 17; Walter J. Burke, Ward 18; Francis J. Shea, Ward 18; William J. Edwards, Ward 19; Walter S. McIntosh,

Ward 20; Henry S. Derby, Ward 21; James W. Brown, Ward 22; Eugene Connors, Ward 22; Harold J. Dodd, Ward 22.

Thirty-one jurors, Superior Criminal Court, Fifth Session, to appear October 14, 1930:

Frederick A. Cronin, Ward 1; Joseph Burgen, Ward 3; Fred M. Hadley, Ward 3; Hugo J. Bagen, Ward 4; Fred J. Hussey, Ward 5; Frank Marano, Ward 5; Martin J. Mooney, Ward 11; Robert Schubert, Ward 12; Thomas Foy, Ward 13; Thomas J. McLaughlin, Ward 13; Michael J. Riordan, Ward 13; Murray Hurwitz, Ward 14; Solomon Robinson, Ward 14; Maurice Rottenberg, Ward 14; James F. Daley, Ward 15; William G. Henry, Ward 16; Michael J. Murray, Ward 16; Henry E. Tilden, Ward 16; George W. Gaugh, Ward 17; James A. Sullivan, Ward 17; Francis M. Burns, Ward 18; Ralph R. Green, Ward 18; William H. Monarch, Ward 18; Philip F. Riley, Ward 18; Douglas M. Strachan, Ward 18; Frank A. Larson, Ward 19; Ambrose A. Sanning, Ward 19; Edward E. Wheelock, Ward 18; Arthur Schneider, Ward 20; Thomas E. Kemp, Ward 21; Frederick C. Prussman, Ward 22.

Twenty-five traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, First Session, to appear October 6, 1930:

Joseph B. Lang, Ward 1; Andrew Quindley, Ward 1; William Donnelly, Ward 2; Patrick H. Flaherty, Ward 2; Alfred Codman, Ward 5; Benjamin L. Lewis, Ward 5; Patrick V. Morgan, Ward 7; Julius L. Putnam, Ward 7; Harvey C. Foskey, Ward 9; Ernest C. Bissonette, Ward 14; Albert J. Goldman, Ward 14; Nathan Liberman, Ward 14; Walter C. Davis, Ward 15; Neil F. Duffey, Ward 15; John J. Bumstead, Ward 17; John Driscoll, Ward 17; Simon Eskin, Ward 18; Lionel Thomas Cooper, Ward 19; William J. Dolan, Ward 19; Edward J. Fitzgerald, Ward 19; Frederick H. Doell, Ward 20; George F. Hill, Ward 20; Thomas T. Lynch, Ward 20; Harold S. Stevens, Ward 20; Albert F. Hicks, Ward 21.

Twenty-seven traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Second Session, to appear October 6, 1930:

James D. Doherty, Ward 2; Michael J. Sullivan, Ward 3; William H. Prickard, Ward 4; Walter P. Stickney, Ward 4; Walter W. Toomey, Ward 5; James J. Gallivan, Ward 6; George H. Marden, Ward 6; Thomas A. Radcliffe, Ward 6; Harold W. Barber, Ward 8; Theodore L. Masters, Ward 8; Rudolph Hagstrom, Ward 9; John T. McKenna, Ward 10; George P. Sennott, Ward 11; Hiram Barron, Ward 12; Edward G. O'Connor, Ward 13; George J. Stephanson, Ward 13; Chester A. Cruickshank, Ward 14; Israel Greenberg, Ward 14; Edward A. Woods, Ward 15; James L. McDonnell, Ward 15; Bernard J. Hallberg, Ward 16; John Nelson, Ward 18; Ignatius S. McDonough, Ward 19; William McCulloch, Ward 20; Alexander B. Wright, Ward 20; Frank W. Barnard, Ward 21; William H. Leslie, Ward 22.

Twenty-six traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Third Session, to appear October 6, 1930:

Howard E. Hatch, Ward 1; Charles M. Smith, Ward 1; Edward J. Kirby, Ward 2; George C. McClinoch, Ward 3; Michael Romano, Ward 3; William A. Clark, Ward 5; Thomas F. Curry, Ward 6; William T. Harrison, Ward 7; William H. Ryan, Ward 7; Patrick J. Cullen, Ward 8; William M. Ferguson, Ward 10; John J. McEtrick, Ward 10; Arthur Young, Ward 10; Thomas W. Connors, Ward 11; Albert Fischer, Ward 11; John J. Flynn, Ward 11; Michael Murray, Ward 11; Richard M. Teehan, Ward 12; Percy E. Chellis, Ward 19; Hayden N. Swett, Ward 19; William A. Wilson, Ward 19; George J. Mills, Ward 20; Max L. Neumann, Ward 20; Charles H. Warren, Ward 20; Paul S. Banister, Ward 21; Archie D. MacDonald, Ward 21.

Twenty-nine traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Fourth Session, to appear October 6, 1930:

Alfred Colson, Ward 1; Thomas H. Higgins, Ward 1; John E. Leslie, Ward 1; Patrick Broderick, Ward 2; Samuel J. Broderick, Ward 2; John A. Flaherty, Ward 3; Joseph J. Hicks, Ward 3; James H. Billings, Ward 7; John J. Keegan, Ward 7; Malcolm P. McLellan, Ward 7; Michael J. Hoar, Ward 8; Joseph E. Ferreira, Ward 9; John J. Rogers, Ward 9; Michael J. Callahan, Ward 10; William L. Hooton, Ward 12; John Johnson, Ward 12; Charles J. Daley, Ward 13; Francis J. Lee, Ward 15; Abram Port, Ward 15; Henry J. Geary, Ward 18; Stanley Rasmus

Ward 18; Carl H. Berquist, Ward 19; William E. Grenier, Ward 19; Frank E. Mann, Ward 19; Frank McManus, Ward 19; Nicholas Mercurio, Jr., Ward 19; August J. Vatter, Ward 20; William A. Allen, Ward 21; Richard C. O'Brien, Ward 21.

Twenty-nine traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Fifth Session, to appear October 6, 1930:

Patrick J. Carroll, Ward 2; Frank P. Enos, Ward 2; Michael Scannell, Ward 2; Angelo Cardello, Ward 3; Thomas H. Downey, Ward 3; Cornelius J. Keeley, Ward 6; Frank W. Sallaway, Ward 7; John J. Tierney, Ward 7; Patrick J. Ryan, Ward 8; Edward F. Estes, Ward 11; Dudley McCarten, Ward 11; Paul H. Tibbetts, Ward 11; Frank Fitzgerald, Ward 12; Dennis P. O'Leary, Ward 13; George F. McCarthy, Ward 14; Robert W. Griffin, Ward 15; Michael C. Dowling, Ward 16; Charles A. First, Ward 16; John J. Connelly, Ward 17; Frank A. Dewick, Ward 17; Albert A. Glassman, Ward 17; Gerard J. Kelley, Ward 19; Ernest C. Eaton, Ward 20; Herbert A. Lindenberg, Ward 20; Fred W. Sawyer, Ward 20; Dwight C. Parker, Ward 21; George S. Perry, Ward 21; Anders P. Dahlander, Ward 22; John W. Shiels, Ward 22.

Eighteen traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Sixth Session, to appear October 6, 1930:

Joseph Coughlin, Ward 4; James F. Preston, Ward 7; Thomas J. Driscoll, Ward 8; William Frye, Ward 8; George R. Boyer, Ward 9; William J. Luppold, Ward 10; Thomas Waters, Ward 10; Richard F. Andrews, Ward 12; Charles A. McGowan, Ward 14; Edward T. O'Connor, Ward 15; Bartholomew P. Rush, Ward 16; Frank A. Bailey, Ward 18; William Baldwin, Ward 18; Walter R. Murphy, Ward 18; John J. Ryall, Ward 19; Warren L. Stratton, Ward 20; Robert Joseph DeYoung, Ward 21; William E. Boyden, Ward 22.

Twenty-one traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Seventh Session, to appear October 6, 1930:

Charles F. Day, Ward 3; John Elliott, Ward 3; Robert T. Murray, Ward 4; Harold W. Simpson, Ward 4; Robert T. Gannett, Ward 5; Michael J. McKenna, Ward 6; William F. Hanrahan, Ward 7; George W. Crossman, Ward 7; Donald Evelyn, Ward 9; John J. O'Hare, Ward 10; Frank A. Sopp, Ward 10; Patrick J. McDermott, Ward 11; Harry C. Swain, Ward 12; Patrick Croak, Ward 13; Daniel J. Duggan, Ward 13; Hugh J. Cameron, Ward 15; Joseph A. Downey, Ward 18; Carl A. Sundell, Ward 18; Robert J. Zinck, Ward 19; Herman T. Schultz, Ward 20; Alfred B. White, Ward 22.

TRANSFERS WITHIN DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 8, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen—I am in receipt of the attached requests for transfers within departmental appropriations, and respectfully recommend adoption of the accompanying orders.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Municipal Court, Roxbury District:

From the appropriation for A-2, Temporary Employees, \$525, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Clerk, Probation Office, 1 at \$1,700 (\$1,900) a year, \$58.33; Clerk, Probation Office, 1 at \$1,600 a year, \$466.67.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriation for Penal Institutions Department, Office Expenses:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Commissioner, 1 at \$6,000 a year, \$281.95, to the appropriation for A-3, Unassigned, \$281.95.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby

is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriation for Fire Department:

From the appropriation for F-7, Pensions and Annuities, \$210, to the appropriation for F-11, Workingmen's Compensation, \$200.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Library Department:

From the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, \$414, to the appropriation for D-12, Bond and Insurance Premium, \$414.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Medical Examiner Service, Northern Division:

From the appropriation for B-28, Expert, \$50; C-12, Medical, Surgical Laboratory, \$100; to the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, \$50; C-16, Wearing Apparel, \$75; C-4, Motor Vehicles, \$25.

Referred to Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Sarah Abramovitz, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 37 Union Street.

Louis Beck, for refund on pawnbroker's license.

Edgar P. Benjamin, for compensation for damage to property at 31 Kempton street, caused by bursting of water main.

Boston Baggage Company, for compensation for damage to property at 517 Washington street, caused by bursting of water pipe.

Catherine M. Bowes, for compensation for damage to property at 9 Carolina avenue, caused by falling tree.

Leslie I. Butler, for compensation for damage to car by city cart.

Michael J. Carroll, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Appleton street.

Mary Catanese, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect on South Ferry.

H. R. Chandler, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Bennington street.

Pauline H. Clark, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in St. James avenue.

Mary Deltufo, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 160 and 162 Chambers street.

Julia C. Donahue, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 524 Columbia road.

James Fannano, for compensation for injuries received on ferry.

G. L. Fisher & Co., for compensation for damages at 122 Dudley street caused by defective water meter.

Philip H. Gallagher, for compensation for damage to car by sanitary cart.

Mary Giambarese, for compensation for injuries received on ferry.

Maurice Golden, for refund on water bill.

Elizabeth Henry, for compensation for loss of hat at City Hospital.

Mrs. Harold Howe, for compensation for damage to property at 3347 Washington street, caused by fire apparatus.

Mrs. Angeline Julia, for compensation for damage to property at 138 Prince street, caused by bursting of water pipes.

Ida Kalis, for compensation for injuries caused by dump cart.

Jacob Locke, for refund on refuse tickets.

F. P. Maxwell, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Granite avenue.

John J. McCarthy, for compensation for damage to property at 410 Weld street, caused by changing line.

Mary McNeill, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Walnut avenue.

Ellen Minihan, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Franklin Field.

Leo Molin, for compensation for injuries received on ferryboat.

Agnes F. Nolan, for compensation for damage to clothing by horse of Police Department.

Rocco Olivieri, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in North Bennett Street Playground.

Angelo Piazza, for compensation for injuries received on ferryboat.

James Powers, to be reimbursed for week's pay due him from Park Department.

Richards-Clarke Motor Company, for rebate on used car license.

Mrs. Flora Richmond, to be reimbursed for expenses incurred in digging up sewer pipes.

Ritz-Arlington Trust, for abatement of taxes.

George E. Rohaar, for compensation for damage to car by city wagon.

Ruth Sandler, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Ellington street.

Charlotte Santer, for compensation for injuries caused by car of Traffic Commission.

Edward Sessler, for refund on sidewalk license.

Bessie Smith, for compensation for damage to property at 3 Madison avenue, caused by water being shut off.

Ethel Stutman, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Wildwood street.

Filomena Terranova, for compensation for injuries received on ferryboat.

Josephine Terranova, for compensation for injuries received on ferryboat.

Helen G. Towle, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Cottage and Bunker Hill streets.

United States Government, for compensation for damage to mail truck by city car.

Josephine Viviano, for compensation for injuries received on ferryboat.

Joseph Wadeau, to be repaid for broken sewer pipe at 204 Truxton street.

Louis H. Williams, for compensation for damage to automobile caused by an alleged defect in Chelsea Street Bridge.

Daniel J. Keefe, for compensation for damage to clothing caused by nail projecting from bench at City Point.

Executive Committee.

Petition of James Egan to be retired.

Jitneys.

Petition of Boston Elevated Railway Company for license to operate motor vehicles between the junction of K street and Eighth streets and Broadway Station, over Eighth street, Dorchester street, Sixth street or Seventh street, and Dorchester avenue.

CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The constables' bonds of Stephen J. Dunleavy, George W. Long and Carl H. West, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, were received and approved.

TRANSPORTATION OF DISEASED CATTLE.

A copy of an order of the Health Commissioner relating to the transportation of diseased cattle was received and placed on file.

INSURANCE OF CITY AUTOMOBILES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, August 12, 1930.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen,—I beg to forward herewith legal opinion of the Corporation Counsel for the City of Boston, the same constituting a reply to the order adopted by your honorable body under date of May 12, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Law Department, July 21, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—This is in reply to a request of the City Council contained in an order dated May 12, 1930, which order is as follows:
"That the Corporation Counsel be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to report to the

Boston City Council as to the advisability and feasibility of placing personal and property damage liability insurance on city owned automobiles and automobile trucks."

Cities cannot raise and appropriate money except for the purposes for which, within the scope of the Legislature's constitutional power, they are expressly or by fair implication authorized by statute to raise and appropriate. This is the doctrine of the early, the late, and many intervening decisions. *Stetson v. Kempton*, 13 Mass. 272,—*Whiting v. Holyoke*, *Advanced Sheets*, *Supreme Judicial Court*, 1930, page 1505.

The authority to expend money is contained in chapter 40 of the General Laws.

Section 5, paragraph 1, of said chapter 40, provides that a city may appropriate money:

"To pay a proper charge of an insurance company for acting as surety on the official bond of any town officer."

There is no other reference in the statute to the payment for insurance, and as Clause 1 has dealt with the matter of insurance it has thereby limited the power of appropriating for insurance. *Greenough v. Wakefield*, 127 Mass. 275.

Paragraph 30 of said section 5, provides that a city may appropriate money:

"For the compensation of all town officers whose election or appointment is authorized or required by law, and for all other necessary charges arising in such town."

The words here used "for all other necessary charges against such town" are to be given a very limited construction. In *Flood v. Lahey*, 183 Mass. 232, the Court said:

"It is to be noted that the duty, right or interest must be corporate as distinguished from the individual duty, right or interest of the inhabitants of the town. No matter how important or general these individual rights or duties are, they do not thereby become corporate within the meaning of the rule."

This case decided that a town had no authority to borrow money for the purpose of paying counsel in order to procure the insertion of conditions in the grant of a location by the selectmen to the street railway company relating to residents and wages to laborers who are to be employed, or the rate of fare to be established.

It was said in *Spaulding v. Peabody*, 153 Mass. 129, in relation to the phrase "for all other necessary charges in such town," "but it is plain, from an examination of the course of legislation, that this phrase has been considered as of very limited scope, and that the Legislature has generally thought it necessary specifically to confer the authority, if the inhabitants of towns were to have the power to grant money for purposes not recognized as a municipal duty by the early usage of towns." They further state "it is well settled by our decisions that towns derive all their authority to tax their inhabitants from the statutes; if the authority to tax for a particular purpose is not found there, either in express terms or by necessary implication, it does not exist. The only exception to this rule is confined to a few cases of usage relating to the comfort and convenience of the inhabitants of a town, such as town clocks, hay-scales, pumps, reservoirs, etc., and is not to be extended."

I am unable to find any indication in the existing statutes that the Legislature intended to make provision for the exercise of any such authority as is herein suggested.

If it be argued, however, that the automobile is a recent means of locomotion, and has created a new hazard which should be dealt with, the decisions of our courts definitely determine the liability of municipalities for negligence of its employees. In the absence of special statutes imposing liability, a municipality is not liable for tortious acts of its officers and servants in connection with the gratuitous performance of strictly public functions imposed by mandate of the Legislature or undertaken voluntarily by its permission, from which there is derived no special corporate advantage, or pecuniary profit. *Bolster v. Lawrence*, 225 Mass. at 389. So that as far as the question of feasibility is concerned there is no merit to it.

If it be argued further that there is a liability upon the municipality where the negligence is occasioned by one who is employed in a division of the city which is in its nature commercial, viz., the Water Department, and that, therefore, it might be a saving of the taxpayer's money to place insurance on the automobiles and automobile trucks employed in the work of such department, said liability being borne directly by the

taxpayer, and that insurance would, therefore, be advantageous to the inhabitants of the municipality, I quote Anthony v. Adams, 1 Metcalf, at 287, in which the Court said:

"A case may be imagined, in which it would be for the interest of a town to incur expense in executing some work not within their corporate power, in order to avoid a still heavier expense in performing their legal duty. A town might be so situated that it would be cheaper to make and maintain a canal, than to make and maintain a road, with its necessary bridges and embankments. But a town is authorized and may be required to build a road, and the act would be a corporate duty, by the performance of which the town might raise money by taxes, make contracts, employ officers and agents, for whose care, skill and fidelity they would be responsible. But a town cannot be required by law, nor have they any authority, to dig a canal; and any vote, contract, or corporate act done in reference to such a purpose would be nugatory. A town might be so situated near the outlet of a lake or pond, where a road would be liable to be flooded and damaged by freshets and where a heavy expense would be required for the necessary bridges and embankments, but by cutting a canal and making a new outlet at the opposite side of the lake, at some distance, this expense might be saved. This would hardly be sufficient to raise a constructive power in the town, to undertake such distant canal, or to confer an authority on county commissioners to require it. It would lead to a latitude of construction, in regard to corporate powers and duties, which would be in a high degree dangerous. Such a case can seldom occur, and when it does, and is of sufficient importance, it is better to leave it to be provided for by a special act of the Legislature, which is the source and fountain of all public authority. Such an authority may be adapted to the particular case, and limited and modified, as the circumstances of each case may require."

Section 21 of said chapter 40, paragraph 1, provides:

"For directing and managing their prudential affairs, preserving peace and good order, and maintaining their internal police."

What is meant by the "prudential affairs" of a town was considered in the case of Willard v. Newburyport, 12 Pickering, at 231, and it was there said by Chief Justice Shaw, that:

"Perhaps no better approximation to an exact description can be made, than to say that it embraces that large class of miscellaneous subjects affecting the accommodation and convenience of the inhabitants, which have been placed under the municipal jurisdiction of towns, by statute or by usage."

The insurance of automobiles and automobile trucks is in no sense either an accommodation or convenience to the inhabitants of the municipality, nor can it come within the terms of the word "usage."

Therefore, in answering your question categorically, I am of the opinion that it is neither advisable nor feasible to place personal and property damage liability insurance on city owned automobiles and automobile trucks, and further add that it is my opinion that this cannot be done legally.

Very truly yours,
SAMUEL SILVERMAN,
Corporation Counsel.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR.

Notice was received of the following appointment by the Mayor:

Ralph E. Thompson, to be a member of the Board of Zoning Adjustment for the term ending April 30, 1932.
Placed on file.

APPOINTMENTS BY HEALTH COMMISSIONER.

Notice was received of the following appointments by the Health Commissioner:

Charles F. O'Connor, as food inspector,
John J. Cleary, as collector of samples in the Bureau of Milk Inspection.
Placed on file.

ASSESSMENTS FOR SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION.

The Commissioner of Public Works submitted schedules of sidewalk assessments as follows:

Fairview street, Ward 20, total cost \$3,808.40.
Primrose street, Ward 20, total cost \$1,421.10.
Paul Gore street, south side, Ward 19, total cost \$1,593.82.

Walworth street, Ward 20, total cost \$955.62.

Orders were passed assessing one half of the total cost of said sidewalks upon the abutting owners.

PAY ROLL OF REGISTRY OF DEEDS.

The pay roll of the Registry of Deeds for the period of August 16 to August 31, regular employees, and from July 21 to August 16, piecework, amounting to \$8,348.18, was received and approved.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Coun. MAHONEY, for the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, submitted a report recommending passage of order for payment of aid for soldiers and sailors and their families in the City of Boston for the month of September, 1930.

Report accepted; said order passed.

Coun. MAHONEY offered the following:

Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 115 of the General Laws and Acts in amendment thereof, or in addition thereto, the amounts set forth in the list of allowances hereto annexed for the month of August, 1930, of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families residing in the City of Boston, or having a settlement therein, be hereby approved and paid until otherwise ordered, unless the person named shall previously become ineligible to receive said aid.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

TIME OFF FOR JEWS DURING HIGH HOLIDAYS.

Coun. RUBY and BUSH jointly offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to grant all employees of the city who are of the Jewish faith, time off without loss of pay during the high holidays.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ORDER TO PRINT ORATION BY HON. HERBERT PARKER.

Coun. ARNOLD offered the following:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Printing be authorized to print as a city document the oration delivered by Hon. Herbert Parker at Faneuil Hall on Independence Day, 1930.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION.

Coun. MAHONEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along East Third street, both sides, from H street to M street, Ward 6, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Coun. CURTIS offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Ipswich street, both sides, from Boylston street to about 250 feet thereon, Ward 5, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Ipswich street, west side, from Boylston street 250 feet northerly, Ward 5, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Coun. DONOVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Sumner street, both sides, from 225 feet east of Orleans street to 258 feet east of Jeffries street, Ward 1, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Coun. ARNOLD offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Brookline avenue, at junction of Pilgrim road, Ward 4, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Coun. FISH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Adams street, both sides, from Minot street to Gallivan Boulevard, Ward 16, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Granite avenue, both sides, from Gallivan Boulevard to Granite Avenue Bridge, Wards 16 and 17, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Coun. BUSH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Elm Hill avenue, both sides, from Warren street to Seaver street, Ward 12, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Walnut avenue, both sides, from Warren street, to Humboldt avenue, Ward 12, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Coun. COX offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Newburg street, both sides, from Belgrade avenue to Beech street, Ward 20, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Weld street, both sides, from Manthorne road to Maple street, Ward 20, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Belgrade avenue, both sides, from 245 feet west of Rexhame street to bridge over railroad, Ward 20, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Coun. GLEASON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Haskins street, both sides, from Ruggles street to Vernon street, Ward 9, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Coun. HEIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Ridgemont street, both sides, from Gordon street 140 feet west of Eleanor street, Ward 21, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Coun. LYNCH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along East Eighth street, both sides, from Dorchester street to K street, Ward 7, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Coun. MURRAY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Prospect avenue, both sides, from Brown avenue to Sycamore street, Ward 19, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Coun. COX offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Anawan avenue, both sides, from Belgrade avenue to Park street, Ward 20, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of Chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Coun. HEIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Linden street, both sides, from Dorchester avenue to Freepoint street, Ward 15, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Coun. WILSON offered the following several orders:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Sanford street on both sides, from Morton street to Cedar street, Ward 17, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Morton street at No. 1215, Ward 17; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Stanton street, on both sides, from Norfolk street to Evans street, Ward 17, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Fairmount street on both sides, from Milton avenue to Capen street, Ward 17, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

Coun. RUBY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Elizabeth street, both sides, from Norfolk street to Astoria street, Ward 14, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Bullard street, both sides, from Bowdoin street to Rosseter street, Ward 14, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Coun. NORTON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Mt. Hope street, both sides, from Hyde Park avenue to Stony brook, Ward 18, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Coun. KELLY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Linden street, both sides, from Brighton avenue to Cambridge street, Ward 21, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Green street, both sides, from Main street to Bunker Hill street, Ward 2, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Coun. POWER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Gore street, both sides, from Parker street to Terrace street, Ward 10, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

PROPOSED EXTENSION OF CARSON STREET.

Coun. McGRATH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to

extend Carson street to the junction of Mt. Vernon street and Columbia road, Ward 13.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

TRAFFIC OFFICERS FOR SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Coun. FISH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Police Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to station traffic officers at all school buildings during the hours the children are passing to and from school.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPAINTING OF CROSSING LINES AT SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Coun. FISH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repaint all crossing lines at school buildings throughout the city.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PIERCE AVENUE, BURYING WIRES.

Coun. FISH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to include Pierce avenue, Ward 16, in his program for burying wires during 1931.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

EMPLOYMENT OF LEGAL RESIDENTS.

Coun. KELLY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to consider the advisability of inserting a clause in all contracts for city work providing that workmen employed thereon shall be legal residents of Boston.

Coun. KELLY—Mr. President, I am introducing this order on account of a few things I found out in the past month or two. A number of contractors from out of town have come into Boston and obtained contracts to do city work. Instead of giving work to Boston men who are loafing—and we all know there are a great number of them loafing at the present time—some of these contractors are so brazen that despite the protests of a councillor they will put a man to work from out of town, in preference to a Bostonian. Only last week, on the carpenter job that is being done on the Boston Common, one of my constituents was employed as a carpenter, a union man, right from my ward, a lifelong resident. After three days' work, although there was fifteen days' work there, he was laid off, and to my amagement I found out that the man who supplanted him was a Watertown resident. I think it is high time that the people of Boston who are paying taxes to the City of Boston, but who are out of work, should be taken care of first. I know it is not legal, I know it is not binding, I know you cannot compel a contractor to go out and hire a Boston man. But I say this, let us do as other cities do, whether it takes the Mayor or the head of a department to do it, and if a contractor persists in hiring out of town men in preference to Boston men who are out of work, let that contractor be shut off from getting any further contracts. That is what is done out of town, and it is high time that Boston did it, and I don't care who does it, whether it is the Mayor that has to do it, or whether it is the heads of the departments, or the Law Department. I move you, sir, that this order be passed under suspension of the rule.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPAVING OF ORCHARD STREET.

Coun. MURRAY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public

Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Orchard street, Ward 19.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

DISCONTINUANCE OF ZONE SYSTEM, ELEVATED RAILWAY.

Coun. POWER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Trustees of the Boston Elevated Railway be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to discontinue the present zone system along Huntington avenue, and to restore the previous system.

Coun. POWER.—Mr. President, in introducing this order I did so because we feel out in Roxbury that the Boston Elevated Railway have discriminated against us. A week ago the new zone system was introduced by the Elevated. Every one thought it was a wonderful thing. They were going to reduce the fare from 6½ cents in the zones to 5 cents. We all know that the Elevated needs more revenue, and to get it they have to educate the people to do more car riding, and they have to get the goodwill of the people also. But today they are not getting the goodwill of the people, because with the new system and the 5-cent fares in the zones on Huntington avenue, instead of a decrease it is an increase from 6½ cents to 10 cents. Now, we all noticed yesterday in the paper how the Mayor is going to call a meeting tomorrow of experts to discuss the advisability of hastening the extension of the subway along Huntington avenue to Brookline Village. Why is he doing this? Because the Huntington avenue line is the most congested line in the whole City of Boston, and he knows as well as everyone else that there are more car riders on this line than on any other line in the city. It is for that reason that it is necessary to have this subway extended out to Brookline Village. What did the Elevated do? Instead of leaving it a 6½ cent zone, as it was originally, they increased the fare to 10 cents. Why? Because as we all know, the line is the heaviest line, and by so increasing the fare the Elevated is going to make more money. That is where they put the real 10 cent fare in. We are not expected to pay the loss of revenue of the Elevated for the last couple of months. Why don't they do it all over the city as well as in our section? The people of Brookline, Chestnut Hill, Forest Hills, Allston and Brighton ride five, six or seven miles for a nickel, while we in Roxbury ride about a mile and a half and have to pay a dime. What is the reason for the change? Nobody know. We don't know whether the officials did it or the employees. There is a joker there somewhere. Here is the new warrant they issue on the line, just the same as before—"Francis Street, Public Gardens, Huntington Avenue" printed right here on the new warrant. But some bright member of the officials got the bright idea that they could make more money by discontinuing that line, and they put a pencil mark right through the same line that they originally had. That is not fair. It is the only line in the City of Boston where they have increased the fare from 6½ cents to 10 cents, and we demand that they restore the original zone fare. It is not fair at all that people riding for six or seven miles should only pay a nickel, and that we should pay 10 cents for riding a mile and a quarter. Why not bring it back to Francis street? They have put it through to Massachusetts avenue now, which is wrong. Why not have the cars start and stop at Francis street, just the same as before. The warrants are the same, the line is the same, and the only thing that is changed is the fare. So we in Roxbury demand that the Elevated go back to their old zone and discontinue the new one. We do not want it. It is discriminating against us. And, Mr. President, I ask you to suspend the rule and pass this order.

Coun. DONOVAN.—Mr. President, I heartily agree with everything Councilor Power has said with reference to Roxbury, but I believe the same condition prevails about the entire city. The transportation facilities of our city are disgraceful. At the present time in East Boston we have an antiquated car service, something that was in use twenty years ago. They have taken away the transfer privilege in East Boston, and if we ride less than a mile we have to pay 10 cents. We are confronted with the same situation in East Boston, and it is high time that an order of this kind was introduced, and I hope this order passes.

Coun. ARNOLD—I want to concur in what one of my contiguous colleagues have just said, as a part of my ward includes the district of which Councilor Power has so well spoken. I received this morning a very formidable petition from the residents in that particular end of my district, which includes a part of Mission Hill and the area on either side of Huntington avenue. We were glad when we got the announcement that the 6½-cent fare was going to be abolished and a 5-cent fare substituted instead, but we were very much surprised when we found that instead of a decrease there was an actual increase to a great number of people in that particular part of Boston which he and I represent.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

ACCEPTANCE OF OAK GROVE TERRACE AND AUBURN PLACE.

Coun. GLEASON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Oak Grove terrace and Auburn place, Ward 9, as a public thoroughfare from Rugles street to Auburn street.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RESURFACING OF NEWLAND STREET.

Coun. GLEASON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Newland street, from Concord street to Rutland street, Ward 9.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPAVING CUMSTON STREET.

Coun. GLEASON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave Cumston street, Ward 9, with smooth paving.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

President LYNCH called up for consideration by the Council Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 on the calendar, under unfinished business, viz.:

1. Ordered, That to provide temporarily money to meet the appropriations for the financial year 1930, the City Treasurer issue and sell, at such times and in such amounts as he may deem best, notes or certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston not exceeding two million dollars in the total, in anticipation of the taxes of the current municipal year; that all such notes or certificates of indebtedness be dated the day the money for the same is received, be made payable with the interest thereon within one year of their date from the taxes of the year 1930, and bear interest from their date until the same are made payable at such rate as the City Auditor, the City Treasurer and the Mayor may determine.

On August 18, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 19, nays 0.

2. Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer \$9,176.37 from the appropriation for Barry Playground, Field House, to the appropriation for Barry Playground, Improvements, etc.

3. Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer \$5,105.48 from the appropriation for Francis Parkman Playground, Building, to the appropriation for Francis Parkman Playground, Improvements, etc.

4. Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer \$1,640.18 from the appropriation for Readville Playground, Field House, to the appropriation for Readville Playground, Improvements, etc.

President Lynch—If there is no objection we will vote on the orders collectively. The Chair hearing no objection, the clerk will call the roll.

The said orders were given a second and final reading and passed, yeas, 20, nays 0.

On motion of Coun. FITZGERALD the Council took up for consideration No. 15 on the calendar, under unfinished business, viz.:

15. Ordered, That the sum of fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Commissioner of Institutions for Power Plant, Long Island Hospital, alterations and improvements, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be, and he hereby is, authorized to issue, from time to time, upon request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston to said amount.

Coun. MURRAY—Mr. President, at one of our meetings it was stated by Mr. Maguire that the engineer for the Finance Commission, Mr. Emerson, said that the plant at Long Island was dangerous, and he advised its discontinuance. I have a letter here from the engineer for the Finance Commission which I would like to have the Clerk read, and I would also like to have his report printed in the record.

The clerk read the letters as follows:

The Finance Commission of the City of Boston,
24 School Street,

Boston, August 20, 1930.

MR. PETER A. MURRAY, City Councilor, City Hall, Boston.

Dear Sir,—Replying to your letter of August 18, I inclose a copy of my report, made after an investigation of the condition of the power plant at Long Island Hospital.

If you will read pages 14 and 15, under the heading "Future Policy" I believe it will answer the question asked by you. The statements therein contained represented my opinions at the time, and I have since seen no reason to change them. I have made no statements since inconsistent with the statement of my report.

I do not feel that the coal pulverizers are a source of danger under competent supervision, neither should there be any future trouble with the boilers under the same conditions.

If you have occasion to read the remainder of the report, particularly pages 11, 12 and 13, you will learn that in my opinion the troubles were probably due to the misuse of boiler compound. In my opinion this was the primary cause of the trouble, although oil in the return water from the radiators may have been a contributory cause.

On page 14 I refer to the plant at Deer Island as one in which coal pulverizers are in successful use in connection with the return tubular boilers. This statement was made after consultation with competent experts acquainted with the plant. Since writing my report there have been many statements indicating that the plant at Deer Island has not proved to be satisfactory. Whatever may be the facts, there is no reason to change my statement that "there are many small pulverized coal plants now in successful operation with return tubular boilers."

There is no question that the installation of pulverizers in connection with the plant at Long Island has introduced an element that increased somewhat, as compared with hand-fired boilers, the danger on account of unskillfulness on the part of the boiler room force.

Very truly, yours,

GUY EMERSON,
Consulting Engineer.

March 24, 1930.

To the Finance Commission.

Gentlemen,—There has been submitted to me by the chairman a letter from Mr. John J. Lydon, Acting Commissioner of Institutions of the City of Boston, to which is appended a report in relation to certain accidents to the boilers in the new boiler plant at the Long Is and Hospital. This report was made jointly by Edward F. Miller, Professor of Mechanical Engineering, and Major A. S. Smith, Superintendent of Buildings and Plant, at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

After studying the procedure at Long Island, it appears to me that the Finance Commission should have more extended information regarding affairs at Long Island than is contained in the report of Messrs. Miller and Smith only. I therefore submit my report in two parts; Part I, relating to the accidents in question and their probable cause; and Part II, dealing with the details of the various contracts made on account of installing the new

boiler plant, together with the additions and changes made and the high cost of the completed work.

PART I.

Following is an outline of the operations at Long Island, leading up to the accidents to the boilers in the power plant at Long Island on February 14, 1930, and on subsequent dates.

Some time in the year 1928 the officials in charge of the Long Island Hospital decided to replace the boilers then in the power plant with new boilers. Plans were prepared under the supervision of James H. Ritchie and Associates, architects, and engineers. The original plans contemplated replacing the seven boilers in the old plant with four new return tubular boilers. Two of the new boilers were to be 84 inches in diameter. They were to work at a comparatively high steam pressure of 110 pounds per square inch, and they were to be equipped with pulverized coal burning apparatus. The two remaining boilers were to be 72 inches in diameter. They were to work at a comparatively low pressure of about 15 pounds per square inch and were to be hand fired.

Competitive bids for the work were received and the contract was awarded to J. P. Dwyer Company, the lowest of three bidders, at a price for the completed work of \$68,300. The contract was approved by the Mayor on June 15, 1928.

A change order was made on June 25 and approved by the Mayor on July 13, according to which certain parts of the plant as designed were eliminated, including the two 72-inch new boilers and two of the newer 72-inch boilers in the old plant were substituted with suspended settings.

On December 6, 1928, a second change order was sent to the contractor. This order was approved by the Mayor on December 12, 1928. This order canceled the previous order as regards the resetting of the two old 72-inch boilers and eliminated the 72-inch boilers, both old and new, from the contract. A deduction of \$14,515 was made from the contract, on account of the elimination of the two 72-inch boilers and the incidental cost of piping connected with them. The amount deducted was made up by the addition of meters, gauges, and other boiler equipment that was not contemplated in the original contract, so that there was no change in the price paid to the contractor.

Work upon this contract was apparently completed in November, 1928, and the city received two 84-inch boilers with coal burning equipment instead of four boilers, as originally contemplated. The city also received certain pieces of accessory equipment not originally contemplated.

On December 12, 1928, the same contractor was awarded without competition a contract for the installation of three 66-inch high pressure boilers with necessary piping, etc. The amount of the contract was \$54,000 and the work was to be completed on or before May 6, 1929. On April 30 the Mayor approved an extension for the completion of this contract from May 6 to May 31, 1929. Again, on June 20, 1929, an extension was approved from May 31 to July 1, 1929. This contract was apparently completed within the contract time as extended.

On October 24, 1929, the third contract was awarded to the same contractor without competition for the installation of three steam, turbine driven, coal pulverizing units to be used in connection with the three 66-inch boilers installed according to the previous contract. The amount of this contract was \$47,149, and the work was to be completed on December 22, 1929.

On January 3, 1930, the Mayor approved an extension from December 22, 1929, to February 21, 1930. It is apparent from the dates given that it was anticipated that the work of installing the coal-pulverizing apparatus would extend into the cold weather.

The result of the third contract was to remove the three 66-inch boilers from use during the coldest part of the winter and to place the entire duty of furnishing light, heat and power upon the two 84-inch boilers. This duty required that the boilers operate at several times their rated capacity.

On February 13 a leak developed in one of the 84-inch boilers that required its being put out of commission. The State Boiler Inspector's office was notified and on the evening of February 14 the plant was visited by Mr. John B. Kearney, state boiler inspector. According to his report, he found that the girth seam of the boiler was leaking badly and that there was a bag in front of the seam.

The evidence showed that oil from the returns of the heating system had been pumped into this boiler through the feed water. The inspector also states that the boiler "was inspected by me internally on January 13 of this year and was found clean and in good condition." Mr. Kearney also informed the writer verbally that at the time he anticipated trouble with the second 84-inch boiler and gave orders that its use be immediately discontinued and the new 66-inch boilers put in use. These orders apparently were not complied with, with the result that two or three days later the second 84-inch boiler was so damaged as to require extensive repairs.

About February 3, 1930, the three 66-inch boilers were placed in service, so that repairs might be made on the damaged 84-inch boilers.

On February 18 leaks developed in two of the 66-inch boilers, with the result that the 84-inch boilers, that had in the interim been repaired, were again put in service, together with the remaining 66-inch boiler that was still in good condition.

In addition to the report submitted by the state boiler inspector, an examination was made of the 84-inch boilers by Prof. Edward F. Miller and Maj. A. S. Smith. The report made jointly by these two experts confirms in substance the findings of the state boiler inspector, that the trouble with the boilers was due to the interior of the boilers becoming coated with a layer of oil from the condensate returning from the heating system that was reused-as feed water.

Messrs. Miller and Smith are apparently of the opinion that this oil had been gathering on the interior of the radiators and other parts of the heating system for a long time and that it suddenly became dislodged and was carried into the feed-water tank. Mr. Kearney seems to be of the opinion, as the result of his very complete investigation, that the oil in the feed-water tank was a result of a long time accumulation, that the tank was not kept perfectly clean, that is, it was not blown off frequently, and on account of the rapid evaporation of water by the boilers, the water in the tank became so lowered that the oil floating on the surface was fed directly into the feed-water pump and pumped into the boilers. This conclusion is consistent with the information gained by me during an interview with the engineers at the island. I was informed that there was no doubt of the gathering of oil in the boilers and in the feed-water tank, as the presence of oil was shown for some time in the water gauge glasses on both the boilers and the feed-water tank.

In order to obtain evidence as to the cause of the accidents and also find out whether conditions as assumed by the experts are still continuing analyses have been made on behalf of the Finance Commission by chemists. These analyses include tests of cylinder oil being used, analyses of the scale said to have been taken from the boilers, a sample of the feed-water and samples of the two liquid boiler compounds used.

Cylinder Oil.

As regards the cylinder oil, it was found to be a conventional type of compound oil, compounded of petroleum distillate with a small amount, 5 to 7 per cent of animal fats, such oil as is ordinarily specified for engines running at a comparatively low steam pressure. The gravity of the oil is somewhat heavier than called for in the specifications of the United States Government for a compounded steam cylinder oil for noncondensing engines. The departure, however, from these specifications does not seem to be sufficient to condemn the oil.

Boiler Compounds and Scale.

During the year 1929 there were purchased for the treatment of boiler water at Long Island very large amounts of various materials. Considering the fact that the three small boilers were out of commission for the greater part of the year, this material must have been used for the greater part in the two 84-inch boilers. Information furnished by the clerk of the Institutions Department shows that there were purchased: 500 pounds of soda ash; 12 charges of caustic potash. At current prices it appears that there must have been bought about 1,000 pounds of this latter material. There were also purchased two kinds of liquid boiler compounds. These compounds will hereinafter be designated as Compounds A and B, instead of by their trade names.

Of Compound A, 550 pounds were purchased and apparently all used during the year. It was

injected into the boilers with the feed water, to the amount of one gallon per week per boiler. The analysis shows:

Water.....	57.4 per cent.
Sodium silicate.....	51.1 per cent.
Total.....	98.5 per cent.

Compound B was purchased during the latter part of the year 1929. Its use was commenced in the boilers about the beginning of 1930. It was fed into the boiler with the boiler water to the extent of one gallon per day. The maker's prescription calls for two quarts per day for two days and one pint per day thereafter until the boiler is cleaned. Compound B was a so-called colloidal compound. Analysis shows:

Water and organic matter.....	72.9 per cent.
Sodium silicate.....	25.3 per cent.
Total.....	98.2 per cent.

I am informed by others than the chemist that a part of the organic matter was a variety of seaweed.

In connection with colloidal compounds in general, the following is an extract from a recently published book by an authority on feed-water purifications:

"Another class of products is known as colloidal compound. These preparations consist of inert organic substances which tend to inhibit the formation of dense, adherent scale, depositing sludge, which may be blown from the boiler as desired. The functioning of these compounds is based upon established scientific facts, but often the desired phenomenon fails to function in accordance with the claims. The use of tannin and dextrine and other organic substances, including certain forms of seaweed and marine algae is not a new discovery. Carefully controlled, some good may result from this treatment. If not controlled, serious damage to the boiler from corrosion, burned tubes, or crown sheets may result."

The sample of deposit from the 84-inch boilers consisted of a hard, thin scale, varying in thickness from .008 inch to .016 inch mixed with soft sludge of the consistency of thick mud, in connection with which no information regarding the thickness of the layer in the boiler could be obtained. Analysis of the mixture shows:

Mineral matter.....	64 per cent.
Oil and organic matter.....	36 per cent.

The mineral matter consists largely of iron oxide with probably a considerable percentage of silica.

A second analysis was made of the soft sludge from which the hard scale had been separated; so far as was feasible. This analysis showed:

Oil and soluble organic matter.....	51.4 per cent.
Insoluble organic matter.....	11.6 per cent.
Mineral matter after ignition (iron oxide and silica).....	37.0 per cent.

This analysis seems to show conclusively that the soft deposit was the result of the colloidal boiler compound that had been used.

The deposit taken from the 66-inch boilers was very different in appearance from the deposit from the 84-inch boilers. No hard, thin scale was present. The entire sample was in the form of a fine, dry powder, apparently very largely organic matter. It contained little, if any, oil. An analysis showed the following quantities by weight.

Organic matter.....	28.8 per cent.
Iron oxide, Fe ₂ O ₃	49.79 per cent.
Silica, SiO ₂	11.89 per cent.
Undetermined.....	9.52 per cent.

Total.....100.00 per cent.

The presence of a considerable amount of iron oxide, as shown by this analysis, coupled with a comparative absence of oil, makes uncertainty as regards the source of the iron oxide. It may have been from the return water from the radiators as has been assumed for the deposit in the 84-inch boilers. On account of the excessive amount of boiler compound used, the oil may have been completely emulsified and blown off with the boiler water. Another contingency is that these boilers had been out of commission for several months previous to being started up about the 1st of February. During that time iron rust may have formed by natural processes on the interior of the boilers in sufficient amount to account for the iron oxide found by the analysis.

This analysis indicates that the excessive use of boiler compound contributed more greatly to the formation of the deposits in the 66-inch boilers than in the 84-inch boilers. This is shown by the large amount of organic matter found and also by the presence of the silica and the comparative absence of oil.

In connection with these analyses it should be appreciated that the percentages given are by weight, the organic matter being much lighter than the inorganic, mineral matter, so that if it were possible to show an analysis by volume, the amount of organic matter would appear very much greater than the figures given indicate.

Feed Water.

On March 5, a sample of water from the boiler feed tank was furnished to the firm of Weston and Sampson for analysis, at the request of the writer. The boiler feed tank contains the condensed water of the returns from the radiators of the heating plant and is re-used as boiler water. The water was analyzed to determine if the water contained an undue amount of oil. The amount of oil found was negligible and Weston and Sampson report:

"In our opinion the water contains no scale forming materials and should be a good water for use in steam boilers."
The report of Weston and Sampson is herewith appended.

This analysis does not furnish any conclusive evidence as regards the boiler water at the time the accidents happened. It does, however, show that under present conditions there is no considerable amount of oil passing from the heating system into the feed water.

The analysis of the boiler feed water indicates that the conditions that may have caused the formation of scale have for the present disappeared and that, considering the fact that there is no longer necessity of running any of the boilers beyond their rated capacity, there seems to be no reason why there should be a recurrence of the trouble, even though the return water is used for feed water in the boilers.

The Finance Commission has frequently had occasion to criticize the excessive purchase and use of boiler compounds without any intelligent idea as to the purpose which they were to accomplish. Ordinarily with Boston water no compound is needed. If for any reason such material is to be employed, a small amount of sal-soda or soda ash is sufficient. In the present case the boilers were clean and the only condition requiring the boiler compound was a possible return of oil from the heating system. In such a case either sal-soda or soda ash would have been the best remedy. It was apparent that the presence of oil was not realized until the accident, therefore the only logical excuse for using the boiler compound in these boilers was the desire on the part of somebody to purchase and use a large amount of the particular boiler compound that was used.

I find upon inquiry that this material is now being used in many of the power plants of the city. In addition to Long Island it is being used at the Deer Island House of Correction, Sewer Service Pumping Station and seven school buildings. In the City Hospital plant at the South End another type of boiler compound is being used. In the plant of the Boston Sanatorium and of the City Hall Annex the engineers report that no boiler compound is necessary. The men in charge of these plants should be commended for their reticence and good sense.

Causes of the Accidents.

The accidents seem to have been due to a combination of causes. The primary cause was, without doubt, the formation of a scale or coating on the interior of the boilers that acted as an insulating material and prevented the free transmission of heat from the furnaces through the boiler plate to the contained water.

The deposit from the 84-inch boilers was composed of oil and iron rust, probably from the radiators and return pipes of the heating system, together with sludge formed by the boiler compounds used. The oil and iron rust were probably present in unusually large quantities at the time immediately preceding the accidents. During the process of removing and relocating the pipes of the heating system, changing the radiators, etc., the mechanical operations in doing the work probably dislodged a large amount of scale from the interior of the heating system.

The absence of filters for the return water allowed the scale forming material to enter freely into the feed water tank and be pumped into the boilers with the feed water.

The evidence obtained has been such as to warrant the opinion that due care was not exercised to keep the feed water tank and the boilers free from scale forming materials, especially oil and iron rust.

The deposit from the 66-inch boilers was probably for the greater part due to the misuse of boiler compound. The trouble with all boilers was accelerated by the excessive heat necessary to force the boilers far beyond their normal capacity in furnishing the entire amount of heat, light and power necessary from a smaller number of boilers than should have been used.

The action of the officials in charge in putting three boilers of the plant out of commission during the coldest part of the winter was both reckless and unnecessary, as the boilers were in condition for service and should have been kept in use until the summer season when their use for heating would have been no longer necessary. Had this course been followed it is probable that none of the accidents herein considered would have occurred.

As regards one of the 84-inch boilers, the accident to it would undoubtedly have been prevented had the recommendations and orders of the state boiler inspector been complied with immediately.

Future Policy.

As regards future policy in connection with the plant at Long Island, there appears to be no necessity for an immediate renewal of any part of the plant.

Although Messrs. Miller and Smith state in their report, page 2:

"We feel that this type of boiler (return tubular) should never have been installed. What you should have used was some form of water tube boiler."

It seems to me that these experts probably meant that return tubular boilers should not have been installed with pulverized coal burning.

There seems to be no reason why the present plant at Long Island should not operate satisfactorily under normal conditions, with pulverized coal as a fuel. There are many small pulverized coal plants now in successful operation with return tubular boilers, for example, the one at Deer Island. Now that the work at Long Island has been finished and many of the causes of the accidents have disappeared, it is unlikely that the troubles will recur under normal conditions of operation under competent supervision. The plant should be given a long time test under such conditions and if it should be shown that the plant is unsatisfactory or unsafe, then the necessary changes can be made.

It is well known, as regards the operation of small plants with coal-burning apparatus, that the economies gained as compared with hand firing are not in nearly so great a ratio as with larger plants. In connection with the Long Island plant, considering the operating conditions, the fact that the present installation has not accomplished any reduction in labor cost, the large amount of steam used for operating the coal pulverizers, and similar matters, it may be found that an expert investigation would show that, if the plant is to be remodeled, in the interest of economy and efficiency the coal pulverizing and burning apparatus should be dispensed with and return tubular boilers retained, instead of retaining the coal pulverizing apparatus and installing water tube boilers.

PART II.

The following paragraphs are intended to call your attention to the financial effect on the finances of the City of Boston of the vacillating and dilatory methods employed by the officials of the city in securing the construction of the new power plant and other mechanical work at Long Island.

Previous to the work on the power plant, already discussed, it appears that the firm of J. P. Dwyer & Co. executed other contracts at Long Island under the supervision of James H. Ritchie and Associates.

In 1927 J. P. Dwyer & Co. installed the heating system in the Nurses' Home as subcontractor under the general contractor for the entire structure. This work involved the installation of radiators which were placed on the ceilings. Immediately upon the completion of this work a new contract, in the sum of \$3,750, was awarded without competition to the Dwyer Company for

removing the radiators from the ceilings and placing them on the walls. Following is a copy of the letter of Commissioner Kinney to the Mayor in the matter:

January 18, 1929.

Hon. Malcolm E. Nichols,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor,—Permission is respectfully requested to award a contract, without advertising, to J. P. Dwyer Company in the sum of \$3,750 for removing the wall type radiators from the ceilings of all rooms in the basement of the Nurses' Home, Long Island,—with the exception of the lecture room, kitchen and dining room,—and placing these radiators on the walls, furnishing all cleats, bolts, brackets and making all necessary disconnections and connections required to do the work. This price also includes the cleaning of all mud pockets in the heating system, and the patching of the plaster damaged and painting to make a presentable appearance after the work is done.

The above contractor has just completed the work of installing all the heating fixtures and appliances in the above building and is now upon the ground with his men and equipment. He is therefore in a position to do the work cheaper than any one not so situated, and therefore no advantage would accrue to the city from advertising this contract.

This work should be done immediately because a great strain is being placed on certain pumps which are part of the vacuum system at the present time, and if a break occurs the entire vacuum system might be severely damaged.

Respectfully yours,

WILLIAM S. KINNEY,
Commissioner.

Approved January 18, 1928.

M. E. NICHOLS,
Mayor of Boston.

No explanation is given as to why the changes were necessary or why the proper location for the radiators was not fixed when the building contract was made. The reasons given for the award of the contract for changing the radiators were not convincing, especially the last paragraph of the commissioner's letter, which relates to the danger of damage to the vacuum system. How any serious trouble could take place with this system is not clear.

The contract for changing the radiators was to be completed on March 20. Apparently at the time these contracts were made, there had been no publicly announced intention of changing the boiler plant, neither did there appear, not has there yet appeared, any adequate reason for making the changes.

I have secured from the office of the State Department of Public Safety, Division of Boiler Inspection, the reports of the latest inspections made on the old boiler plant. Nothing in these reports indicates any necessity for immediate change in the boiler plant, or in fact a change at any time. This conclusion by me has been confirmed by a verbal conference with a representative of the boiler inspector's office.

According to the reports, two of the 72-inch boilers were inspected on August 27, 1927. These boilers were certified as being at the time ten years old. They were licensed for 125 pounds pressure, the same as when they were new. The new plant is being operated at 110 pounds pressure. The other 72-inch boiler was inspected July 6, 1928. It was certified as being nineteen years old. This boiler was entirely retubed in 1926. This boiler was also licensed for 125 pounds pressure.

Of the four 66-inch boilers then in service, two were inspected on July 6, 1928. They were certified as being twenty-nine years old and they were licensed for 110 pounds pressure. The remaining two 66-inch boilers were inspected on October 10, 1928. They were certified as being twenty-seven years old and were licensed for 100 and 110 pounds pressure respectively. One of these boilers was also entirely retubed during October, 1926.

Two of the 72-inch boilers were inspected previous to the making of the contract for the new plant and the others were inspected shortly after the first contract was made.

The only inference that can properly be drawn from these reports is that it might be desirable to renew one of the 66-inch boilers, the pressure of which had been reduced below the pressure for which the new plan has been designed.

Notwithstanding the good condition of the old plant as shown, the entire plant was scrapped and the new contracts previously discussed were made.

There is nothing in the design of the plant as finally built that is new, or that has been developed since the first contract was made. An adequate study by competent experts should have produced a design from which only minor departures should be made during the installation, yet in the present case there appears:

The contract of June 15, 1924, involving an expenditure of \$68,300.

The change order of July 13, 1924, which increased the price by \$5,700.

This order provided for deductions from the contract as follows:

For omission of meters and coal scales deduct.....	\$4,115
For omission of two new 72-inch boilers called for in Item No. 1, deduct.....	4,700
Total deductions.....	<u>\$8,815</u>

The additions are as follows:

For resetting two 72-inch boilers with modern hung boiler settings, add.....	\$7,000
For changes in piping on account of changing two 72-inch boilers and one 66-inch boiler over to low pressure, add.....	7,515
Total additions.....	<u>\$14,515</u>

You will note that the addition for the work of resetting two of the old 72-inch boilers is \$1,300 more than the deduction for the omission of two new boilers, including both the cost of the boilers and the settings. You will also note as regards the item of \$7,515 for changing piping that, so far as shown, no deduction has been made for the cost of piping contemplated in connection with the two new 72-inch boilers called for in the contract.

The change order of December 12, 1928, which eliminated the 72-inch boilers from the contract, but without a reduction in the cost of the plant.

In connection with this second change order, you will note that it provides for meters, gauges, CO₂ recorders, etc., both for the 84-inch boilers and the 66-inch boilers. It is nowhere shown whether the gauges, etc., to be installed under this extra order were the same as were eliminated under the first extra order. As regards the CO₂ recorders, these are instruments of very delicate construction, of doubtful advisability in connection with small plants, and at times of doubtful accuracy of operation. Their efficient use requires the possession of a considerable amount of scientific knowledge on the part of the engineers in control. It is very doubtful if their installation at Long Island was advisable.

The second contract of October 27, 1927, for the installation of three 66-inch boilers, involving an expenditure of \$47,149.

The third contract of December 12, 1928, for the installation of pulverized coal equipment at a cost of \$54,000.

No study has yet been made of the details of the cost of the extra work. It is probable, however, that under the conditions the price was substantially higher than might have been obtained had competition been secured.

The original cost of the work, as shown by the first contract, was to be \$68,300. The total cost, not including repairs recently made, was \$175,149. Of this amount \$101,149 was for new contracts let without competition.

The letter of the acting commissioner, sent to the Finance Commission, indicates an intent to determine the liability for present conditions at Long Island. If by present conditions is meant the physical condition of the present plant, then it seems to me clear that this condition is due to the neglect and inefficiency of the operating force at Long Island. If, on the other hand, it is intended to determine the reasons for the excessive cost of the plant, it appears that a further detailed study of the reasons for the many changes would be worth while. Such study would involve the summoning and questioning of all parties connected with the design, construction and operation of the new plant.

Respectfully submitted,
GUY C. EMERSON,
Consulting Engineer.

Coun. MURRAY—Mr. President, I might also add that the state inspectors under the chief, Mr. Plunkett, I am informed, had to lay off this year the chief engineer for a period of sixty days because he was not competent to run the plant at Long Island. Now I think the trouble is with the working force down there and I do not see why we should tax the citizens of Boston \$50,000 more. The engineer and the inspectors at the State House say the plant is perfectly all right to run with a competent force. Mr. Maguire came before us and said it was the fault of the boilers, but I believe it is the fault of the boiler-room force, and if it is the fault of the force, it is better that we should pass it up to him to remedy that condition, and if that condition is remedied I do not see why the plant at Long Island will not be all right, and we will save that amount of money which we are asked to appropriate.

Coun. GREEN—I would like to ask the councilor who has just taken his seat if Mr. Maguire at any time asked for and received an opinion on this matter from Mr. Emerson.

Coun. MURRAY—I might answer that I believe he did receive this report, or his predecessor received it, from Mr. Emerson.

Coun. FITZGERALD—All I know about these boilers is what was said at the meeting by Mr. Maguire, and also some talk that I heard around that during the winter on one Sunday there were some fifty bolts that were shot out of these boilers. Whatever the cause was I don't know, but they lay it to the improper installation of these boilers, or they say the boilers are not fit. But somehow or other Mr. Emerson states in his report that the boilers would be all right under competent supervision. If the chief engineer has been removed or suspended for sixty days, we ought to know it, and if he is incompetent he ought to be removed. We all know that under the present civil service regulations, with the right of a man to appeal to the courts, and under the veterans' preference, it is little they can do to handle employees if they are incompetent. That is a fact that has got to be brought home to everybody. But I believe there is something radically wrong with these boilers. I do not see any reason why the Commissioner of Institutions should want to bring this proposition to the attention of the Council or the Mayor himself unless there was something radically wrong. Of course Mr. Emerson may be a competent engineer. I don't know that he is competent to pass on boilers. He was Commissioner of Public Works, or at least Superintendent of Streets, under two former administrations, and had to do with street work and street work only. I have my doubts whether a man can be an authority on every possible question of the day. However, there are men working in that plant who claim it is dangerous, and claim the boilers were not properly installed. Of course the City Council has an investigating committee going to the island, and we rely upon that committee for some kind of a report. They must have known something about it, and I would like to hear from some members of this Council who have been on the committee that had charge of the investigation of the institutions and looking after the welfare of those institutions and giving a correct and reliable report to this body. I would like to hear something from the chairman of that committee who has been over to Long Island to enlighten us on this matter.

Coun. HEIN—Mr. President, up until 10 o'clock this morning the boilers were not condemned by the state boiler inspectors. Mr. Plunkett, the chief inspector there, told me so himself. The last time the boilers were inspected, they were inspected by Boiler Inspector Carney, and I think if we want to get new boilers down there, and condemn the boilers we have, we should get Mr. Carney's report to the State House and find out why they need new boilers.

Coun. BUSH—Mr. President, there seems to be some misapprehension here as to just what this appropriation is for. Everybody is talking about the replacement of the boilers. My understanding is that the coal pulverizers were the cause of all the trouble, and it was intended to replace the coal pulverizers, and not the boilers. The question whether the boilers are safe or not has nothing to do with this case. In spite of the fact that Councilor Murray has received this letter from Mr. Emerson with reference to his stand on the question of the efficiency of the pulverizers, each of us has received a letter from his Honor, the Mayor, in which the Mayor takes a stand support-

ing the Commissioner of Institutions. The City of Boston happens to have the good fortune to have one of the most capable executives at the helm that it ever had in its history, and if the Mayor is satisfied that a replacement of these coal pulverizers is necessary he must be satisfied because of sufficient information which he was able to obtain. I want to call the attention of the members again to the protest of the commissioner when he appeared before the Executive Committee, that he would not accept the responsibility for the retention of those pulverizers, and he then stated that he had authority from several other people besides the Finance Commission engineer, and he named several technical experts from whom he had received opinions with reference to the safety of the coal pulverizers. Now, Mr. Maguire stated to me personally sometime after the discussion here, that in a personal conversation with Mr. Emerson with reference to these coal pulverizers Mr. Emerson was a little more positive about the safety of these pulverizers. Apparently Mr. Emerson did not care to be quoted in writing to that extent. The Commissioner of Institutions and the Mayor of the City of Boston have the burden and the ultimate responsibility in case anything develops at the island as a result of the use of these coal pulverizers, and if in the middle of the winter, on some very cold and frigid day, the plant fails to work, and those inmates at the island are left to the mercy of the elements, the responsibility will rest upon the Mayor and the Institutions Commissioner and, if the Council fails to pass the order, upon each and every member of the Council. I feel, therefore, under the circumstances, that further delay in the passage of this order would be very dangerous.

Coun. ARNOLD—Mr. President, I am very glad that the councilor from Ward 12 has brought to the attention of the Council what is really under discussion. If it were a proposition that required the changing of the type of boiler, my position, I believe, would be very different from what it is. But it is a proposition which has to do with the automatic pulverizing feeders. In common with the rest of the members of the Council I received a very courteous and exceedingly well-written communication from his Honor the Mayor, asking me to cooperate with him on two measures, one of which affects the health of the people, and the other the rights of the people. With the one I am in thorough accord, and I do not believe he can say that I have not cooperated with him during his term on every measure that has been constructive in character. I do not feel, however, that I can extend this cooperation to a proposition or a procedure which seems to me destructive. By destructive I mean this, that we are asked to vote here for an appropriation of \$50,000, to junk \$72,000 worth of useful and efficient and economical apparatus. We were told at our last meeting that two competent engineers had condemned the pulverizers. I submit that there has been just furnished to the Council sufficient evidence from one of them that such was not the case. We were again at that time referred to one E. F. Miller, an engineer of the Institute of Technology, and in a letter to the Commissioner of Institutions, the Acting Commissioner, he says this:

"The pulverized coal equipment seemed to be giving excellent results as far as combustion was concerned. The appearance of the flame would indicate that the burners were in every way satisfactory." Then he goes on to say something about the type of boilers. But we are not concerned with the type of boilers. As I stated at the outset, if it was the type of boilers that was to be considered, my position would be entirely different. It is the pulverizing units that are giving trouble, and yet these two engineers that were quoted at our last meeting both say they are satisfactory and are working efficiently in every way. They are working too efficiently, it would seem, or else they would not have had the hazard they have, and he goes on to tell us how to avoid that hazard. We did not know at our last meeting what this was all about, this bagging; at least I did not. I admitted it. But I have since obtained some light on the subject of bagging boilers, and bagging will occur in any boiler if it is not properly handled. This is machinery. Does anyone of you know of any machinery that is foolproof? Why is this intensive campaign going on throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in regard to motor, vehicles, if machines are foolproof? No, sir, Mr. President, these machines are no exception to other types of machinery. And what is needed, in

my opinion, is not the junking of this property, or this equipment, which they all say works well, but which they do not care to use because they are afraid that these particular boilers that they have will sag, and perhaps there might occur an explosion—what is needed is an efficient boiler-room force to run this equipment. The engineer goes on to say that these boilers should be cleaned, and should be laid off in rotation once a week. Is that anything unreasonable in regard to service? Don't they expect to service these boilers at all? Have you any equipment in your home that does not require service? Take the automobile. Do you ever have it serviced? I will say you do, if you ride. These boilers also must be serviced, and the Commissioner was told in much detail just how they should be serviced, and that if they were serviced and watched this would be an efficient equipment for the heating of that island. Now what is the layout of the plant there? We were told at our last meeting that lives were in danger. As near as I can find out, these bedridden children are not within 100 yards of this power plant. Now, let me go back a little bit into the history of this expenditure that we authorized during the last couple of years. We authorized the expenditure of considerably over \$1,000,000 down there, and in the reconstruction and enlarging of that plant there was added a heating equipment, and I believe that if Mr. Maguire would go back into his records he would find that requisitions were made for this upright type of boiler instead of the horizontal type, which admittedly would be more dangerous than the other. That meant at that time a much increased appropriation. It would call for the abandoning of the old plant and the building of another, because of the room that type of boiler would take, and the requisition was denied, and the same type of boiler that has been there for the past thirty years or more was installed. It is going to be an expensive proposition to change the boilers, but I do not believe it is an expensive proposition to have the present boilers efficiently handled, and I submit that we are not called upon to appropriate \$50,000 to junk \$72,000 worth of equipment. It ought to be worth something if it is going to be junked. I do not see any occasion, Mr. President, for the appropriation.

Coun. RUBY—Mr. President, as chairman of the Committee on Inspection of Prisons, I will say in answer to my colleague from Ward 3 that the only authority we have as a committee with reference to Long Island is with reference to those prisoners from Deer Island who work at Long Island, or who may be ill and confined to the Long Island Hospitals, but we have, as a committee, no other authority over Long Island, and when we make our visits to Deer Island we make the usual inspection there on our way down the harbor, and for no other purpose.

Coun. NORTON—Mr. President, this question is one that is very perplexing, to say the least. Two weeks ago I called up Professor Miller of Technology and asked him if he would be kind enough to give me a little time and explain this proposition to me. I went out there one afternoon and spent the entire afternoon with him in the mechanical division of the Institute of Technology. As far as I can find out, it is all a question of what type of boiler on the island is the safest. My colleague from Dorchester says it is all a question of pulverizers, and not of boilers. I cannot quite agree with him on that. The state boiler inspector has said that the pulverizers and boilers and the entire boiler-room equipment is O.K., so far as they are concerned. So says the chief engineer of the Boston Finance Commission, Guy Emerson. He states that the equipment down there is O.K. That makes a very vexing problem. So I went over to Technology and interviewed the man who is perhaps the outstanding expert in this section of the country, if not in the country, on steam boilers,—Edwin Miller. He took me into his laboratory, and he said, "Here is the proposition. Here is a boiler, and we fill it with water and we put these pulverizers under it and heat it. If something goes wrong here, as it went wrong at Long Island, and you obtained a penetration, you would get an explosion in those boilers, or in the individual boiler, equal to an explosion of 300 pounds of t. n. t.

"Now, I recommend that instead of having that type of boiler, where the water is all segregated in one section, and the forced flame is under here where the water is liable to obtain some oil in it as it circulates and vaporizes throughout

the system, and leave that oil impregnated upon that 2½-inch oil seat, and this forced fire seeks to get through to the water and forms a blister, and may lead to an explosion—instead of having that water and that heat and that dynamite, you might say for purposes of analysis, all in that one segment, I want to place it in tubes, so that if something goes wrong, not an explosion equal to 300 pounds of t. n. t. will occur, but only that individual tube will give way."

He had his whole class there. He said:

"I can run the tubular boiler here at Technology O.K., and I can run the type of boiler you have at Long Island O.K., but each individual boiler and each individual institution is a case in itself. I could run those boilers with these boys of mine undoubtedly without any trouble, but down on Long Island it is a different proposition. Men are careless. You are bound to have difficulty. You may say you can keep oil out of that return system, but the moment a mechanic goes and fixes a radiator, or fixes a valve and gets a little grease in there, or a little oil, that may be sucked back into the system and cause a deposit upon the side of the boiler itself.

"Now, at Long Island you have inmates who are unable to take care of themselves. If something happens you have a tremendous problem. At Deer Island it is a little different. You have plenty of help, plenty of men, plenty of people to take an interest in the boilers. And under those conditions down there, rather than have anything happen, I would recommend that the tubular boiler be installed, and when the tube goes it will do no damage, but when the entire boiler goes it means trouble, and perhaps death."

My colleague from the Back Bay states that not within 100 yards are there children or inmates. That may be so. It may be that the boilers down there could blow up, and no one be injured. I hope that will never occur, and I am glad to know they are so far away, but nevertheless a statement from the head of a department of the Institute of Technology that an explosion would be equal to that of 300 pounds of t. n. t. is certainly entitled to some consideration. What are you going to do about the report of the engineer of the Finance Commission? I don't know. In a case such as this we can go to the most competent expert and ask. There is no question today, mechanical, electrical, or physical, but what the experts do not disagree. Before Lindbergh made his great flight the experts wanted to go into court and get a writ of mandamus to prevent him from making a suicidal attempt. In the courts of New Jersey, when Edison brought forth his electric light, the same proposition was advanced. So we can argue here for weeks or months, but I feel that when a man from Technology who is the greatest expert in this section of the country—called so by Conklin, the head of the Carnegie Institute of Technology, called so by Hamlin the head of the Stevens Institute of Technology of New Jersey—I feel that his opinion is certainly entitled to some consideration, and when he states that in his opinion the tubular type of boiler at Long Island would be better and safer than the present equipment, I find it very hard to vote against it. In the event of something happening down there next winter, or the winter after, I should feel very much grieved to think that I had prevented the installation of the type of boiler that was recommended by the head of a department at the greatest institution of its kind in the world, Prof. Edwin Miller of Technology.

Coun. KELLY—Mr. President, a few weeks ago, for reasons I thought justifiable, I made a stand on this question. Since that time I have thought enough of my stand to make two visits to this plant at Long Island with a fellow whom I consider well capable of handling any kind of engineering, and asked his opinion on the conditions that existed there. Now, here is what I find there. I don't know whether every member of the Council knows the condition that exists there. First of all, I want to say that I am for any order for any amount of money, no matter how great, that comes into this Council for the protection of those poor unfortunates at Long Island, and I have been that way ever since I took office. But when an uncalled-for order comes in for \$50,000, I am here as a free-thinking representative of the people of Dorchester, the taxpayers of Dorchester, protecting their rights. Now, let me go on for just a moment to show you,

how this plant is operated. They want to do away with the coal pulverizers. The coal pulverizers are a great unit. They are working on Deer Island to perfection, contrary to reports, and yet the Commissioner of Institutions comes in here and makes the offhand statement that they are not working right on Deer Island. I say he is wrong; they are working right on Deer Island. If they were not, there would perhaps be an order in here for Deer Island, too. They want to take out the coal pulverizers that feed the coal automatically to the boilers and give a heat of 2,600 degrees, and put in hand-fed apparatus that will give a heat of but 1,300 degrees. I say 2,600 degrees is more efficient. It has turned out that way at different factories where the coal pulverizers have been installed. But they must have careful operators. And what have we got a commissioner down there for? It is up to him to see that he has capable operators to protect the lives of those unfortunate men, women and children that are confined there. Do not let him come up here and put us in a tough position with the people of Boston. Let me go further and show you how ridiculous this order is. They talk about explosions. You can have an explosion in any kind of a boiler, whether it is in your own home, down in your cellar, or in any factory, if it is neglected, and yet they are trying to put this order through on the pretence that there may be an explosion. Of course there may be an explosion if a boiler is not guarded right. But what have we got to warn the men that are supposed to be on their job? If this water gets too hot, whistles that can be heard all over the Island are installed there to bring back the help that may have wandered off the job. That is what we have there. I think it would be a shame and an outrage if we junked \$72,000 worth of machinery that has been working efficiently for six months, and put in \$50,000 worth of new equipment that is uncalled for. They talk about leaving this Island in a destitute condition, as far as heat goes, but let me remind you that there are four spare boilers down there that are not operating. Any time during the winter, if anything happened to one of the boilers, there are always two spare boilers. I want each and every one of you gentlemen to bear these things in mind, and then bear in mind the report of the engineer of the Finance Commission. Although I know there may be enough "yes" men to put this order over, I think the order should not go over. I think the order is a steal, I think the order is unjustified, and for that reason, and to protect the taxpayers that sent me here, I shall vote against it.

Coun. MURRAY—Mr. President, I might say that at the last meeting I introduced an order for \$50,000 to see if we could get some information, and I asked the chairman of the committee to hold a meeting and let us bring these different engineering experts here and let us find out the facts for ourselves. We are all enough interested, and I think if we had a meeting of the Committee on Finance the whole body would be there to find out the story. Why not have the meeting? If we had held a meeting we would know something today. As it is, we don't know any more today than we did before. I make a motion that the matter be laid on the table until we get some information from some experts.

The question was taken and the motion was rejected.

Coun. BUSH—I want to elaborate just a little further on these coal pulverizers, despite what the councillor from Hyde Park said with reference to the boilers. I made the statement that the question here was a question with reference to the pulverizers. I did not elaborate on that statement, and I would like to do that now. It seems that these coal pulverizers are not adaptable to the particular boilers which are installed at Long Island. To replace the boilers in order to make the coal pulverizers adaptable to the boilers would be like the tail wagging the dog. It seems that these coal pulverizers produce an incandescent heat, just as Councillor Kelly stated. He states that the heat is 2,600 degrees. I don't know whether it is or not, but it does create an intense heat, and the trouble with the heat is not merely that it creates an intense heat, but that heat is condensed or converged on a single point. Those pulverizers would operate all right if the heat was diffused over a large area of surface of those boilers, but it is not, and the effect of that concentration of heat on a particular point in those boilers is similar to the effect of an oxyhydrogen

blowpipe which will create a heat around 500 degrees Fahrenheit on the 6-inch armor-plate of a battleship, which would cut through the armor-plate like a knife through hot butter. Now, that is the effect of the concentration of heat on one particular spot, and that is the trouble with these pulverizers. They might just as well put an oxyhydrogen blowpipe in there if they wanted a great deal of heat. But what would happen? It would cut right through those boilers as if they were tissue paper, and the concentration of heat on that one spot melts or weakens the structure of the boiler at that particular spot, and there does not seem to be any way in which that heat can be diffused properly. Therefore the only proper thing to do is to take those coal pulverizers out and put in the kind of a system that will comply with the requirements of that type of boiler. Now, the fact that those pulverizers were put in there by the previous administration, by which the problem of obtaining heat with those particular boilers was probably ill-considered, or apparently so from present indications, and the mere fact that we have got to junk that \$72,000 worth of equipment, should not stand in the way of the passage of this order, if it means the safety and the convenience and the comfort of the inhabitants on Long Island who are helpless, and to whom even the breakdown of the plant for a few days, should it happen in the midst of winter, would be a grievous calamity.

Coun. CURTIS—There is one further bit of information which it seems to me it is necessary to have before we vote on this order. Ordinarily I do not suppose this Council goes with any great detail into the matter of how money is going to be spent and why a certain amount of money is necessary, but in this case I think we ought to feel the responsibility of junking this expensive equipment and spending this amount of money to replace it. Now, I for one, after having made some investigation, am entirely prepared to support the commissioner in his feeling that there ought to be some changes in that boiler plant, but I would like to know what the various changes are to be, and why it is going to require \$50,000 to do the work. I understand that if it is merely a question of going back to hand-firing, that plant can be put in good order for hand-firing for much less money than that. We have never had that information. If they are going to install new boilers there and put in a truck for carrying coal, or something, I think we ought to know it, and also what the various items making up this \$50,000 are, before we can determine whether we should vote for them. Mr. President, there does not seem to be anybody here who can furnish that information, and therefore I am going to move that this matter be referred to the Executive Committee in order that we may obtain that information which I for one feel is necessary in order to vote intelligently on this question.

Coun. MURRAY—Mr. President, I would like to make an amendment to that motion, that the matter be referred to the Finance Committee, and that we bring these different engineers in and find out the story, and then bring in the Commissioner from Long Island.

President LYNCH—The Chair will rule that the amendment is out of order. Councillor Curtis moves a reference to the Executive Committee.

The order was referred to the Executive Committee.

REPAVING LINDEN STREET.

Coun. KELLY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving lower Linden street, from Dorchester avenue to Freeport street, Ward 15.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPAVING OF WALNUT AVENUE.

Coun. BUSH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Walnut avenue, Ward 12.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

The Council voted, at 3.47 p. m., to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by President LYNCH at 5 p. m.

REPORTS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Coun. MAHONEY, for the Executive Committee, submit reports as follows:

1. Report on message of the Mayor and order (referred today) for transfers within departmental appropriations—that said order ought to pass.

Report accepted; said orders passed, yeas 22.

2. Report on petition of James Egan to be retired, recommending the passage of the following order:

Ordered, That the Retirement Board for Laborers be hereby authorized and requested to retire, under the provisions of chapter 765 of the Acts of 1914, as amended by chapter 63 of the Special Acts of 1915, James Egan, employed in the labor service of the Public Works Department.

Report accepted; order passed.

3. Report on order (referred March 31, 1930) for payment of an annuity to the widow of Frank T. Lyons—that order ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

4. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred August 18, 1930) for a loan of \$50,000 for power plant alterations and improvements at Long Island Hospital—that order ought to pass.

Coun. MAHONEY—Mr. President, I might say there are two letters there that were received by Mr. Maguire, of the Institutions Department, from the Division Engineer, and on motion of Councillor Bush I would like to have them read into the record.

President LYNCH—The clerk will read the letters.

The clerk read the letters as follows:

Massachusetts Institute of Technology,
Department of Mechanical Engineering,
Cambridge, Mass., U. S. A.

February 20, 1930.

Mr. John J. Lydon, Commissioner of Institutions,
Room 809, City Hall Annex, Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Lydon,—In regard to the boilers at the Long Island Hospital the undersigned beg o report as follows:

This plant has three (3) 66-inch horizontal return tubular boilers, and two (2) 84-inch boilers fired with powdered charcoal, the total horse power of the plant being approximately 900. The three (3) 66-inch boilers are set approximately 6 feet 9 inches from the floor and the center of the burner supplying powdered coal is approximately 2 feet 9 inches below the bottom of the boiler. On the 84-inch boilers the distance from the bottom of the boiler to the floor is approximately 10 feet and from the center of the burner to the bottom of the boiler approximately 5 feet 6 inches. We find that these boilers are carrying from 100 to 110 pounds pressure, and the safety valves are said to be set at 120.

The heating system in the building makes use of what exhaust steam is available from your refrigerating machine and from your lighting engines, and the demand in excess of this is supplied directly from the boilers. This method of operation we understand has gone on for some thirty years and there is a probability that a large part of the heating system may have a film of oil on the inside surface. This oil is likely to come back at any time, and there is no filter that is 100 per cent efficient—either one filtering oil out of exhaust steam or one filtering oil out of condensate, in fact, condensate will carry oil in emulsion which will go through any filter.

We found that two of the boilers—the 84-inch—had been bagged and that the bags had been successfully pushed back into place, the girth seam rivetted—the boiler repair men having done an excellent piece of work. As soon as any returns containing oil are put back into the type of boilers which you are using there, especially boilers fired with powdered coal or oil, there is always the possibility of oil collecting on the plates, the plates becoming overheated and bags resulting. Should these bags which form break through and release the water in the boiler, a disastrous explosion would result. The reason for this bag occurring is that the place under the spot where the oil had accumulated becomes heated to a dull, cherry red—

possibly even hotter than this. The strength of the plate is reduced practically one half when heated to a dull cherry red. As the plate begins to stretch, frequently the water gets under the scale which is dislodged and cools the plate in time to prevent explosion. You were fortunate enough in the case of your two (2) 84-inch boilers to have this condition of things occur. We feel that this type of boiler should never have been installed. What you should have used was some form of water tube boiler. With a water tube boiler, if oil collects, you may burn out a tube which is a small item with no danger of anything resulting.

We found yesterday that the three remaining boilers were carrying an overload running at 225 per cent rating and yesterday was a mild day with the temperature around 60. The pulverized coal equipment seemed to be giving excellent results as far as combustion was concerned. The appearance of the flame would indicate that the burners were in every way satisfactory. With powdered coal, as with oil, it is possible to burn coal at a much more rapid rate than was ever possible with hand-firing, and a boiler can be crowded with this type of fueling easily to 500 per cent without a fireman perhaps realizing what a load he has put on the boiler. With this type of boiler such crowding is absolutely dangerous and we believe that it is not safe for oil or powdered coal to be used under boilers of the type which you have there, especially as you are returning oil in the condensate which goes back into the boiler as feed water.

It seems that on Sunday when this trouble occurred the day was extremely cold and these two 84-inch boilers were carrying practically all the load. As we were given to understand, they were the only boilers on the line at the time the accident occurred. Inasmuch as it is impossible to make a change in your boilers at this time of year we have suggested to Mr. John J. Ryan, the Superintendent, the following:

"February 19, 1930.

Mr. John J. Ryan, Superintendent, Long Island Hospital, Boston Harbor, Mass.

Dear Sir,—It is our suggestion that as soon as you get the two (2) 84-inch boilers in condition you put them on the line and run the five (5) boilers as moderately as possible. That you use as little oil as you possibly can in your steam-driven equipment which is exhausting into the heating system, and that the boilers be laid off in rotation once a week and washed out.

Before the two (2) 84-inch boilers are put on the line they should be given a dose of soda ash and caustic, manhole left open, and boiled for twenty-four hours. After you have boiled for twenty-four hours, drain out and then wash thoroughly with a hose.

In the spring when your load is light you can put kerosene in the boilers and run that steam through the heating system and throw all the returns away until the oil that has been stored up for the last thirty years is washed out.

Very truly yours,
E. F. MILLER,
A. S. SMITH."

We would recommend that you replace the two (2) 84-inch boilers as soon as your steam load is light enough to enable you to do so, with a water tube boiler properly set for burning powdered coal and that after this boiler has taken the load, you then replace the three (3) 66-inch boilers with such type of water tube boilers as you can get in this restricted vertical space. It may be necessary in the restricted space which you have where the three (3) 66-inch boilers are now set for excavation to be made in order to give sufficient space for a combustion chamber. There may also be a possibility of getting space by removing the present ceiling at the top of the boiler. This detail we have not gone into.

We feel that the boilers in their present condition should be watched carefully through the remainder of the season so that there will be no recurrence of the Sunday accident.

We understand that this report will be submitted to his Honor the Mayor, and we felt that a letter which Professor Miller wrote to Mr. J. P. Manning under date of July 10 might be of interest, inasmuch as Professor Miller investigated, at the request of Mr. Manning, conditions at the City Hospital in regard to power, and also was consulted and visited the tuberculosis hospital at Mattapan where the architect was contemplating

putting in practically the same type of equipment as was installed at Long Island. A copy of this letter is appended hereto.

Yours very truly,

E. F. MILLER.
ALBERT S. SMITH.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
Bridge and Ferry Division,
Boston, Mass., March 28, 1930.
Mr. James E. Maguire, Commissioner, Institutions
Department, 811 City Hall Annex, Boston.

Dear Sir,—I send you herewith for your information a memorandum given me by Mr. R. J. Thanisch, an assistant engineer in this division which may possibly be of some interest to you.

Yours very truly,

JOHN E. CARTY,
Division Engineer.

[Copy.]

March 26, 1930.

Mr. John E. Carty, Division Engineer.

Dear Sir,—On a recent visit to Long Island, at the request of and accompanied by Commissioner Lydon, the writer observed the pulverized coal burners installed in the boiler room of the power plant.

The use of pulverized coal as a fuel has passed the experimental stage and in its field remarkable results are obtained. But the conditions under which this fuel is satisfactorily burned are practically impossible at this station. In the first place the heat generated by these burners cannot be regulated through a range of temperature as a grate-fired boiler owing to the volume of air required for combustion and the necessary pressure; any attempt to run what would be called a light fire would expose the fire room personnel to the dangers of a flare back. Second, the temperatures generated by the burners are so intense that no steel of the boiler should be in such a position the flame may impinge on it; when the steel of the boiler is exposed to this excessive temperature, steam is generated so rapidly that the steam keeps the water from direct contact with the steel and acts as insulation, permitting the steel to be raised to such a temperature that it will break down. Third, the temperatures in the furnaces of pulverized coal burners are so great that huge combustion chambers are absolutely necessary; it is practically impossible to construct the plant at Long Island with sufficiently large combustion chambers. Fourth, the only boiler which should be served by pulverized coal burners is the high pressure, water tube type; the boilers at Long Island are horizontal return tubular, the best fitted for the service they are to render. In the cylindrical or shell type boiler, to which group the horizontal return tubular belongs, the circulation of the water in the boiler is of necessity sluggish, since the heated water rises through the colder, simply by the differences in specific gravity. In the water tube type boiler all the current in each group of pipes is in one direction only, thereby greatly accelerating the velocity of circulation. It is apparent that excessive temperatures in shell boilers must be eliminated.

Considering the above data, it is evident that it is humanly impossible to operate the Long Island plant without jeopardizing life and property, and that the use of pulverized coal at this plant should be prohibited at once.

Respectfully submitted,

R. J. THANISCH,
Assistant Engineer.

Coun. CURTIS—Mr. President, I am sorry to take the time of the Council, but I would just like to make a very brief statement as to why I am going to oppose this order at this time. I personally believe that changes ought to be made in the power plant, and I am prepared to vote the necessary money to do it, but I believe in this case we ought to have information as to what is going to be done, and approximately how much it is going to cost to do it. In view of the controversy here I should like also to see some outside engineer pass on the plant. We tried to get that information, and were not able to do so, and that is the only reason I am going to oppose this order at this time on the record, but I shall be the first to try to hustle this matter through when we get the information we ought to have.

Coun. MURRAY—At this time I am going to vote against this order on the statement made by the commissioner himself. He said that the plans for this amount of money were drawn up by a man named Murphy who was an engineer, and because he was incompetent the state inspectors of the State Department of Boiler Inspection, suspended him for one month or two months, I am not sure which, but I know he was suspended, and if that man is now making out the plans for the new loan order which we are going to pass I cannot stultify myself in voting for it.

Coun. NORTON—Mr. President, the assistant engineer at Long Island also gave us a letter which was quoted in the Executive Committee session, in favor of this recommendation of the Mayor. I am heartily in favor of the order, from a technical, mechanical standpoint, after going into the matter in great detail. I am not here siding with the Mayor because he is the Mayor. I will oppose him the moment I think he is wrong. I do believe that in this instance the Mayor is right in his request for tubular boilers. As to the amount of money appropriated, we are appropriating \$50,000, but perhaps \$25,000 will do. The commissioner himself in executive session gave us information to that effect. I am going to ask the Mayor that in the making of these plans and in the new installation—I am going to make a personal request of him, as a result of this controversy in the Council, that he leave the plans and the matter in the hands of Professor Miller of Technology.

Coun. KELLY—I thought there was going to be no conversation on this order, but as long as there is I think I will get my oar in. I notice, first of all, that this is supposed to be a confidential letter from the Mayor, and I believe in treating things as confidential until somebody makes them public, but as long as the letter has been made public I want to call my colleague's attention that all the Mayor says about the inspection of these boilers down at Long Island is this, that since the last meeting we had, the matter has been further investigated by the Boiler Inspection Department at the State House. But I understand it has been a favorable inspection, so therefore I say why spend \$50,000 of the taxpayers' money to junk \$72,000 worth of machinery down here. I understand the real reason that that is to be done, and that the commissioner wants it, is because the men are under the influence of liquor attending those boilers there, and I call upon him to straighten this matter out, and not bring it into the City Council, by going down there and putting decent, respectable men that are dependable down there. If we need to pay them more money, let him put a request in here that these men be paid more money, but let us have men down there that are dependable. The boilers are all right, the unit is all right. Let us not go ahead and junk this \$72,000 worth of machinery that has been in operation a few months just to protect a few men that I understand are drunk down there, and that are being tolerated.

The report of the committee was accepted.

The order was read once and passed, yeas 16, nays—Coun. Arnold, Curtis, Gleason, Hein, Kelly, Murray.

Assigned for fourteen days for final action.

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

President LYNCH called up for consideration of the Council No. 5 on the calendar, under unfinished business, viz:

5. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor August 18, 1930, of James E. Lloyd, to be a Weigher of Coal and Harry Carpenito, to be a Weigher of Goods.

The question came on confirmation, and the Chair appointed Coun. Cox and Fitzgerald to receive, sort and count the ballots. Whole number of ballots 12, yeas 12, and the appointments were severally confirmed.

Coun. WILSON—Pardon me, Mr. President, but I should have asked and will now ask, that there be included in the vote the names of Spiros Kaliris in No. 7 and Henry Talberth in No. 12, after which, if there is no objection, I will present a few orders.

President LYNCH—Coun. Wilson moves that the names as read be taken from the calendar.

The Chair will appoint Coun. Fish and Wilson to receive, sort and count the ballots.

Whole number of ballots 12, yeas 12, and the appointments were severally confirmed.

CLOSING OF SUFFOLK COUNTY COURT-HOUSE FOR TERCENTENARY CELEBRATION.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Justices of the Supreme Court, through his Honor the Mayor, be, and said Justices hereby are, respectfully requested to close the Suffolk County Courthouse on the occasion of the Tercentenary celebration and parade on the afternoon of Wednesday, September 17, 1930.

Coun. WILSON—With reference to that particular order I have been requested by numerous constituents employed in the courthouse to introduce such an order in view of the fact that that is really Boston's day in the Tercentenary celebration, and without some such order by the Justices of the Supreme Court, even though there is a big holiday in Boston on that day, and even though all the city departments will receive a half-holiday, the courthouse will be open until the usual hour unless some action is taken.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

LAYING OUT OF BERNARD STREET.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested to accept and lay out Bernard street, Ward 17, Dorchester, from Norfolk street to Southern avenue.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF CLEMENTINE PARK.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners accept and lay out Clementine park, sometimes known as Clement park, Dorchester, from Centre street to Dayton street.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RESTRICTION OF USE OF ATLANTIC AVENUE BY STEAM RAILROAD TRAINS.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Street Commission be respectfully requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to advise the City Council whether the present use of Atlantic avenue for steam railroad trains is by license granted by the City of Boston and whether there is any restriction with reference to hours of use; and

Further ordered, That the Street Commission, through his Honor the Mayor, be, and said Street Commission hereby is, respectfully requested to restrict the use of Atlantic avenue by steam trains to such hours as shall not unreasonably interfere with traffic along Atlantic avenue and such intersecting streets as Richmond street, Clinton street and South Market street.

Coun. WILSON—With reference to that order, I introduce that order at this time, having in mind that the City of Boston has spent recently between \$100,000 and \$200,000 for a very beautiful and partly effective, growing more effective, lighting system for traffic, and traffic is allowed to go with some rapidity on Tremont street and Washington street, but due to the fact that this railroad is allowed to shuttle its trains up and down Atlantic avenue every morning, all the traffic that this expensive lighting system brings into the heart of the city, immediately on turning right, comes through Dock square, with its great and expensive widening, down through such streets as Richmond and streets in the market district, and go on down Atlantic avenue, and there is stopped anywhere from half an hour to an hour every single morning in the week, and it seems to me that if this railroad

is to be allowed to negative the entire effect of this lighting system, they at least ought to be restricted in the use of their cars to night hours, or hours not between 8 and 10 in the morning.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PROPOSED FOOT PASSAGEWAY OR BRIDGE ACROSS TRACKS AT BUTLER STREET.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor instruct the proper department or departments to at once provide for and construct a suitable foot passageway or bridge across the tracks at Butler street on the new Dorchester Rapid Transit for making the proposed Boston Elevated Railway loading platform at that point easily and safely accessible.

LOADING PLATFORM FOR PASSENGERS AT BUTLER STREET.

Coun. WILSON offered the following

Ordered, That the Transit Commission be, and said commission hereby is, respectfully requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to proceed at once with plans and with construction of an appropriate loading platform for passengers at Butler street on the new Dorchester Rapid Transit line.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, those two orders concern a matter in which I have for over two years been making a fight for proper and convenient transportation facilities on the new rapid transit line in the so-called Lower Mills section of Dorchester. While this great public improvement was still under construction, as long ago as September 5, 1928, the following order was, at my request, passed by the City Council:

"Ordered, That the Transit Commission be, and said commission hereby is, through his Honor the Mayor, respectfully requested to advise the City Council forthwith the approximate cost of constructing along the line of the new Dorchester Rapid Transit a footbridge and way station at or near the site of the present freight house at Butler street, thereby offering convenient rapid transit facilities for residents in the entire Richmond street, Adams street, Huntoon and Medway streets sections in view of the fact that the proposed Cedar Grove Station is over a mile distant."

The answer of the Transit Department was as follows, in the City Council minutes of November 13, 1928:

"City of Boston,

Transit Department, October 31, 1928.

Hon. Malcolm E. Nichols,

Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—We return herewith order of the City Council, dated September 5, 1928, requesting the approximate cost of constructing a footbridge and station over the Dorchester Rapid Transit near Butler street.

It is estimated that it will cost \$23,000 for a 5-foot passageway, together with the necessary island platform.

It is assumed that the people in this vicinity will utilize the Milton Station, which is about a quarter of a mile from Butler street.

Very truly yours,

CITY OF BOSTON TRANSIT DEPARTMENT,
by THOMAS F. SULLIVAN,
Chairman."

In view of the large section and the larger number of people affected, and the fact that over one half of the passengers at the Milton Station come from the Grove or Butler street side of the Neponset river, we continued to urge the construction of a way station at Butler street, or even a footbridge over the Neponset river. When the railroad bridge was actually under construction across the river I received assurances from both the Boston Elevated Railway Company and the Transit Commission that this way would be built, to allow later for such a bridge. In September, 1929, I again appeared before the Trustees of the Boston Elevated Railway Company and urged some relief. In October I learned that the opposition of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad was really preventing the construction of the contemplated footbridge. I wrote in October, 1929, to the Ntw

York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad and also to the Boston Elevated Railway and finally was able to effect a conference early this year, at which time Mr. Dana of the Elevated and representatives of the Trustees of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad were all present, together with the officers of the Lower Mills Improvement Association, and at that time the Elevated promised to make plans either for a foot passageway across the Neponset river or a station platform at Butler street. Following that, on June 4, 1930, I took a referendum of the registered voters in the entire district affected with reference to their preference for a way station or a foot passageway across the Neponset river, and reported the result of that to the Elevated Railway Company, and last week it was my privilege to have a conference with Mr. Dana of the Elevated, at which the president of the Lower Mills Improvement Association was present. The study made by the Elevated engineers, their No. 30-82, has now been completed. A loading platform at this point, it appears, will cost the Elevated about \$12,000; an overhead footbridge across the tracks, about 6 feet wide for a proper approach, will cost about \$16,000, but will mean a reasonably convenient car stop for scores, and perhaps hundreds of families, both in the Grove section, and on the Adams and Richmond street sides, no longer necessitating a long and circuitous walk all the way up Adams street, through Pierce square, and down to the Milton Station. I have every assurance that a glance at any street map of the section affected will convince his Honor the Mayor that the request I now make for relief is a reasonable and proper one. I believe that an examination of the blueprint plans drawn by the Boston Elevated engineers will convince his Honor

the Mayor that the city should cooperate to the fullest extent, especially in view of a total cost of less than \$28,000 for both footbridge and loading platform, which have been urged and sought for by the people of this district since as long ago as September, 1928.

The orders were severally passed under suspension of the rule.

EMPLOYMENT OF MEN RECEIVING PUBLIC WELFARE RELIEF AS CLAM DIGGERS

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Overseers of the Public Welfare be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to report to the City Council what arrangements it has made with a clam dealer with offices in the Kimball Building to place men receiving relief at work digging clams, and what wages are paid these men.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

NEXT MEETING.

On motion of Coun. McGRATH it was voted that when the Council adjourn, it adjourn to meet on Monday, September 29, 1930, at two o'clock p. m.

Adjourned, on motion of Coun. McGRATH, at 5.20 p. m., to meet on Monday, September 29, 1930, at 2 p. m.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, September 29, 1930.

Regular meeting of the City Council, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., senior member Councilor COX presiding in the absence of President Lynch.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

The following appointments were received from the Mayor, subject to confirmation of the Council:

Constables, for the term ending April 30, 1931, as follows: William F. Kelleher, 5 Longwood terrace, city; Bert Paul Price, 40 Aspinwall road, Dorchester; James P. Dondon, 23 Sudan street, Dorchester; Daniel W. McCarthy, 83 Dakota street, Dorchester; Joseph A. Cieri, 92 Prince street, city; Joseph Coviello, 2 Centre terrace, Roxbury; Patrick F. Hanrahan, 55 Theford avenue, Dorchester; John Sullivan, 69 West Cottage street, Roxbury; Timothy E. Kelly, 7 Regent court, Roxbury; Stephen J. Dunleavy, 68 Butler street, Dorchester; William A. Amie, 29 South Monroe terrace, Dorchester; Patrick H. Sullivan, 88 Bernard street, Dorchester.

Weighers of Coal, for the term ending April 30, 1931, as follows: Andrew Connaughton, 16 Newburn street, Jamaica Plain; Sydney I. Rossman, 187 Bernard street, Dorchester; May E. Bennett, 1017 Tremont street, Roxbury; Wilton E. Harding, Lansing road, West Newton; Joseph M. Santis, 141 Cummings street, city; John J. Heffernan, 13 Bismarck street, Jamaica Plain.

Weighers of Goods, for the term ending April 30, 1931, as follows: Ernest H. Buist, 875 North street, Randolph; Edward A. Fay, 38 Dunreath street, Roxbury; Richard F. Corrigan, 77 Columbus avenue, Braintree; Francis W. Sprague, 20 Minden street, Jamaica Plain; Arthur J. Page, 126 Coleridge street, East Boston; George Sawyer, 176 Chestnut avenue, Jamaica Plain; Joseph R. Betts, 27 Standish avenue, Braintree.

*Severally laid over, under the law.

VETO OF ANNUITY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, September 22, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I return herewith, without my approval, the order adopted by your honorable body under date of September 8, 1930, providing for the payment of an annuity to the widow of Frank L. Lyons, late a captain of the Boston Fire Department.

The appended opinion as submitted by the Corporation Counsel and which is in conformity with opinions handed down in similar cases by four of his predecessors in office, Thomas M. Babson under date of December 20, 1909, Judge Joseph J. Corbett on July 29, 1912, E. Mark Sullivan on April 11, 1924, and Frank S. Deland on December 9, 1921, leaves no other course open.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Law Department, September 22, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—With reference to your inquiry of September 20, 1930, wherein you ask for an opinion as to the legality of an order of the City Council which provides:

"Ordered: That an annuity of six hundred dollars be allowed and paid to the widow of Frank L. Lyons, late captain of the Boston Fire Department, such annuity to continue as long as said widow remains unmarried and to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department, Pensions and Annuities."

please be advised that the provisions of law authorizing an annuity such as in the present case are contained in section 1 of chapter 241 of the Acts of 1930. This section provides in part that certain annuities shall be paid in the event that a member of the police or fire force of this city is killed or dies within one year from injuries received while in the performance of his duty and it shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Mayor and City Council that such death was the natural and proximate result of an accident occurring during the performance and within the scope of his duty as such member, and provided, also, that the attending physician or medical examiner shall certify that the death was the direct result of said injury. This act amends chapter 182 of the acts of 1930, which requires acceptance by the city. You will observe that by the language used in chapter 241 a condition precedent to the payment of an annuity is that the fireman shall have been killed or shall have died from injuries received and that the death was the natural and proximate result of an accident.

Prior to the enactment of chapter 241 of the Acts of 1930 the following acts were applicable especially to the City of Boston:

Section 2 of chapter 107 of the Acts of 1880, as amended by chapter 93 of the Special Acts of 1919 and chapter 62 of the Acts of 1920.

Section 2 of chapter 107 of the Acts of 1880 is as follows:

"If any member of the said fire department shall die from injuries received while in the discharge of his duties and shall leave a widow, or, if no widow, any child or children under the age of sixteen years, a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars may be paid by way of annuity to such widow so long as she remains unmarried, or to any such child or children so long as he or they continue under the age of sixteen years, and the board of fire commissioners may from time to time order such annuity to be reduced."

It is thus seen that under the present act, as well as under the earlier statutes applicable to Boston; that the Legislature has limited the payment of annuities to cases where the fireman died from injuries received while in the discharge of his duties.

The report of the Medical Examiner of the Fire Department to the Fire Commissioner concerning the late Capt. Frank L. Lyons states that he died of broncho-pneumonia and that the medical certificate "proof of death" gives the cause of death as "bilateral broncho-pneumonia." This report clearly indicates that the late Capt. Frank L. Lyons died from a disease rather than from an injury. In my opinion section 1 of chapter 241 of the Acts of 1930 does not apply when the member of the department dies as the result of a disease and payment must be confined to cases where death follows as the result of injuries due to an accident occurring during the performance of his duty.

Four of my predecessors in office, the late Thomas M. Babson, on December 20, 1909, Judge Joseph J. Corbett, on July 29, 1912, E. Mark Sullivan, on April 11, 1924, and Frank S. Deland, on December 9, 1921, arrived at the same conclusion on the construction of the word "injuries" as contained in the earlier statutes. Mr. Babson in his opinion to Samuel D. Parker said:

"The statute under which this pension or annuity is granted does not apply to the widows of persons who died of disease contracted in the discharge of their duties as firemen, but only to widows of persons who received physical injury which resulted in some way in their death."

He further ruled that the statute did not apply to the case of a fireman who died of pneumonia occasioned by getting wet at a fire.

Judge Corbett in his opinion said:

"In an effort to provide relief for employees incapacitated by disease, the door would be opened wide to claims of a highly flimsy and litigious character. It is largely a matter of proof. Where there is a change in the physical structure, it is generally possible to show the fact that it occurred in the course of employment which produced it. Where there is a disease it depends on the statements of the employee and his physician. The question of fact that it was caused by the employment is rarely without doubt."

(See opinions dated December 11, 1924, of former Corporation Counsel E. Mark Sullivan,

and December 9, 1927, of former Corporation Counsel Frank S. Deland.)

I am unable to arrive at a conclusion different from that of my predecessors. The present case very clearly indicates that the late captain died of sickness or disease rather than from injuries received as the result of an accident which occurred while in the performance of his duties and within the scope of his employment.

Very truly yours,

SAMUEL SILVERMAN,
Corporation Counsel.

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REPORT ON VOSE PARK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 29, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from the Metropolitan District Commission regarding Vose Park in the Neponset River section. This is in reply to your order of August 18, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, August 26, 1930.
C. A. Reardon, Secretary, Mayor's Office, City Hall, Boston.

My dear Mr. Reardon,—I have your letter of August 25, with enclosure, order from Councilor Wilson that the Metropolitan Park Commission, through his Honor the Mayor, be respectfully requested to make some early provision for improvement of Vose Park in the Neponset River section of Dorchester, in which you state that his Honor the Mayor is desirous of having a report submitted.

The area commonly called Vose Park is a wooded section on the banks of the Neponset river, adjacent to the Walter Baker chocolate mills and is in Boston (the river dividing the area, so called, from Milton).

There is no question but what the Metropolitan District Commission could make a decided improvement at this point if it so desired and had the money. A small park could be arranged for at very little expense and could be utilized for a mothers' rest or a small children's playground.

Very truly yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
Metropolitan District Commission,
1 Ashburton place,
Boston, September 12, 1930.
Mr. C. A. Reardon, Secretary to the Mayor, City Hall, Boston.

Dear Sir,—The commission took up at its meeting yesterday, your letter of August 29, submitting order of the City Council relative to provision for improvement of Vose Park. I was directed to reply that Vose Park has been cleaned up of underbrush and debris, and the commission would be glad to transfer this park to the City of Boston for care and control, if the city would maintain it as a public playground.

Very truly yours,
W. E. WHITTAKER, Secretary.

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ZONE SYSTEM ON HUNTINGTON AVENUE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 29, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Edward Dana, General Manager of the Boston Elevated Railway, regarding the zone system on Huntington avenue. This is in reply to your order of September 8, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Boston Elevated Railway,
Public Trustees,
Park Square Building,
Boston, September 26, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor,—In reply to yours of September 20, I beg to advise that the trustees in a sin-

cere effort to offer a five-cent fare so that short-haul riders might take advantage of same and thereby increase the number riding, placed an experimental plan into effect for thirty days from September 1. This plan has now been extended for the month of October. It is believed expedient to make no change in the method now in operation until the trustees know the results and can come to a definite conclusion as to its merits as far as assisting in the problems of meeting our revenue demands is concerned.

Under the Service-at-Cost Act it is incumbent upon the trustees to meet the cost of service. Owing to the decline in gross revenue the situation has become acute. This experiment is an effort, through a fare decrease rather than a fare increase, to see what results actually can be obtained. I shall be very glad to advise you later.

Very truly yours,
EDWARD DANA,
General Manager.

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REMOVAL OF ASHES AND GARBAGE IN DORCHESTER.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 8, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Joseph A. Rourke, Commissioner of Public Works, regarding the removal of ashes and garbage in the Dorchester district. This is in reply to your order of August 18, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
September 3, 1930.

To his Honor the Mayor.

In reply to attached order in Council, by Councilor Wilson, "That, through his Honor the Mayor, the contracting firm in charge of the removal of ashes and garbage in the Dorchester district be instructed and required forthwith to comply with the requirements of the contract between that concern and the City of Boston," we expect complaints from every large district as regards the individual non-collection of garbage and litter and for many reasons, but the complaints from the four big districts average less than one to 1,000 inhabitants for the period from August 1 to 27, which is the season ordinarily when we have the greatest number of complaints on account of the large amount of green corn waste which fills up the containers. In fact, to remedy the situation, we have given some portions of the Dorchester district more than two collections a week as called for under the contract.

The strange provision of this contract for the last four years is that Dorchester is the only one of the five contract districts which requires the collection of garbage twice a week the year around. Why this favoritism was shown during the past four years is a mystery, except that it was for the purpose of favoring a bidder for the first year's contract who was awarded the contract and who hopelessly fell down on collections and disregarded entirely, it is said, the provisions of the contract. It may be that the people of Dorchester having been given twice the service as any other section of the city, either contract or day labor, are expecting too much.

We realize that under the contract, or under the day labor system, the individuals who collect are human and sometimes neglectful and are resentful of discourteous treatment from householders and, naturally, take offence at unreasonable chronic kickers, so that complaints are expected, but in no case where a complaint reaches either the district foreman's desk or the City Hall headquarters do we fail to see that proper collection is made immediately and the contractor notified that conditions must improve.

Under contracts to be let during this term, it is only fair to the rest of the city to see that the number of collections in Dorchester will not exceed those made elsewhere.

Yours respectfully,
J. A. ROURKE,
Commissioner of Public Works.

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PROSECUTION OF PORT DIFFERENTIAL CASE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 23, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I beg to submit herewith report of the Boston Port Authority requesting an additional appropriation in the sum of \$20,000 for the prosecution of differential case now pending and for the conduct of the business of the Board.

I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Boston Port Authority, Custom House,
Boston, September 17, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mayor Curley,—In the matter of the necessity of a further appropriation for the Port Authority at this time, may I refer you to my letter of August 12, 1930, on this subject. With further reference to the matter, I wrote to your secretary, Mr. J. P. Hanlon, on August 20, 1930, Mr. Hanlon advising in reply that the Corporation Counsel had the matter in mind. At our request, the Corporation Counsel has drafted an order to be submitted by you to the City Council, three copies of which order I am inclosing.

Without going into further detail as to the need for an additional appropriation at this time, I can inform you briefly that we now have remaining out of our original appropriation of \$25,000 only \$3,400. Our total expenditures since September 10, 1929, have been \$21,500, of which \$16,300 have been spent on the differential case. In order to continue the prosecution of this case it is, of course, absolutely essential that funds be at our disposal. We know that you realize the importance of this matter and are therefore requesting that the order for \$20,000 be forwarded to the City Council for attention at their meeting on Monday, September 22.

Very truly yours,
BOSTON PORT AUTHORITY,
RICHARD PARKHURST, Secretary.

Ordered, That the sum of twenty thousand (20,000) dollars be, and the same is, hereby appropriated to be expended under the direction of his Honor the Mayor, in accordance with chapter 229 of the Acts of 1929, for necessary expenses of the Boston Port Authority, said sum to be charged to the Reserve Fund.

Referred to Executive Committee.

L STREET AND STRANDWAY IMPROVEMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 29, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—In order to make available sufficient funds for the construction of the L Street Bath House and the improvement of the various beaches along the Strandway, I recommend that the unexpended balance remaining in the special appropriation, Columbus Park, Improvements, be transferred to the special appropriation, Columbus Park and Strandway, Improvements, etc.

I submit, herewith, an order providing for this transfer and respectfully recommend its adoption by your honorable body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Columbus Park, Improvements, \$96,400.57 to the appropriation for Columbus Park and Strandway Improvements, etc., \$96,400.57.

Referred to Executive Committee.

SALE OF LAND, CHESTNUT HILL AVENUE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 25, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—The property located at Chestnut Hill Avenue and Commonwealth Avenue, containing 66,672 square feet, is unsuited for playground purposes and in the opinion of the Park Commission should be sold.

The City of Boston maintains a playground in the vicinity of Cleveland Circle, within two hundred yards of the Chestnut Hill Avenue and Commonwealth Avenue property, containing 371,200 square feet, and in the event that the property at Chestnut Hill Avenue and Commonwealth Avenue is sold the money derived from the sale could be utilized for the development of the major property into a playground that would serve the needs of this section of the city for many years.

The property at Chestnut Hill Avenue and Commonwealth Avenue is assessed for \$1 per foot and a fair upset price would be \$1.50 per foot, in view of the desirability of the lot for realty development.

Under the circumstances, it is clearly the duty of the city to dispose of this property and improve the larger plot of land for the benefit of the residents of the district.

Accordingly, I recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Board of Park Commissioners be, and hereby are, authorized under the provisions of chapter 274 of the Acts of 1899, to sell at public auction on such terms as said Board, with the approval of the Mayor, may deem proper, the parcel of land owned by the city at the corner of Chestnut Hill Avenue and Commonwealth Avenue, containing approximately 66,672 square feet.

Referred to Committee on Public Lands.

DEPARTMENTAL TRANSFERS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 29, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—The attached requests for transfers within departmental appropriations have been investigated and approved by the Budget Commissioner. I accordingly recommend adoption by your honorable body of the accompanying transfer orders.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Assessing Department:

From the appropriation for F-14, Listing, \$1,075; D-1, Office, \$900, to the appropriation for Personal Service, A-2, Temporary Employees, \$1,975.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Boston Retirement Board:

From the appropriation for B-28, Expert, \$150, to the appropriation for D-1, Office, \$150.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Boston Traffic Commission.

From the appropriation for E-13, General Plant, \$2,500; E-13, General Plant, \$1,000, to the appropriation for A-2, Temporary Employees, \$2,500; B-3, Advertising and Posting, \$1,000.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Collecting Department:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Clerk, 1 at \$1,400 per year, \$250, to the appropriation for D-11, Motor Vehicles, \$250.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Collecting Department, Water Division:

From the appropriation for A-3, Unassigned, \$450, to the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, \$450.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Finance Commission:

From the appropriation for G-2, Special Investigations, \$8.03; G-2, Special Investigations, \$75, to the appropriation for C-9, Office, \$8.03; B-4, Transportation of Persons, \$75.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Health Department:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Chauffeurs and Drivers, 5 at \$34.50 to \$37.50 per week, \$600; Clerks, 7 at \$1,500-\$1,600 per year, \$400; Dietitian, 1 at \$1,700-\$1,800 per year, \$200; to the appropriation for A-2, Temporary Employees, \$1,200.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Hospital Department:

From the appropriation for A-1 Permanent employees, Physicians, 2 at \$4,500 per year, \$500; Physicians, 4 at \$2,500 per year, \$1,050; Physicians, 8 (10) at \$1,000 per year, \$350; Clerks, 19 at \$27.50 per week-\$1,500 per year, \$500; Clerks, 3 (4) at \$20 per week-\$1,200 per year, \$300; Anaesthetist, 1 at \$2,400 per year, \$200; Case Worker, 1 at \$2,000 per year, \$300; Dietitian, Assistant, 1 at \$1,500 per year, \$350; Social Workers, 16 at \$1,200 to \$1,600 per year, \$800; Technician, 1 at \$2,000 per year, \$250; Hospital Employees, 11 (12) at \$33 per week, \$400, to the appropriation for A-2, Temporary Employees, \$5,000.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Mayor, Office Expenses:

From the appropriation for C-3, Miscellaneous, \$1,700, to the appropriation for D-1, Office, \$1,700.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Public Welfare Department, Temporary Home:

From the appropriation for C-7, Furniture and Fittings, \$50, to the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, \$50.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Public Welfare Department, Central Office.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Visitors, 21 at \$1,600 to \$2,300 per year, \$250; Clerks, 4 at \$1,100-\$1,200 per year, \$150, to the appropriation for A-2, Temporary Employees, \$400.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Public Works Department, Bridge Service:

From the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, \$1,000, to the appropriation for B-14, Motor Vehicle Repairs and care, \$1,000.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Soldiers' Relief Department:

From the appropriation for D-1 Office, \$59.81 to the appropriation for B-1, Printing and Binding, \$59.81.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Street-Laying-Out Department:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Junior Engineers, 6 at \$2,200 to \$2,600 per year, \$575; Transittman and Electrical Blueprinter, 1 at \$2,100 per year, \$536.19, to the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, \$250; C-9, Office, \$200; C-13, Tools and Instruments, \$125; A-1, Permanent Employees, Blueprinter, 1 at \$1,900 per year, \$536.19.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Municipal Court, Roxbury District:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Clerk, 1 at \$4,500 per year, \$90; Assistant Clerk 1 at \$3,375 per year, \$140.63; Clerk, 1 at \$4,500 per year, \$185; Assistant Clerk, 1 at \$3,375 per year, \$75; A-2, Temporary Employees, \$190; A-2, Temporary Employees, \$10, to the appropriation for B-12, Bond and Insurance Premium, \$10; B-13, Communication, \$50; C-9, Office, \$140.63; D-1, Office, \$450; D-2, Food and Ice, \$10.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Registry of Deeds:

From the appropriation for B-1, Printing and Binding, \$1,000, to the appropriation for D-1, Office, \$1,000.

Referred to Executive Committee.

LEGION REVIEWING STAND FOR CITY COUNCIL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, September 29, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—The parade of the American Legion will be held on Tuesday, October 7, and it is fitting that a special reviewing stand be provided for the membership of the Boston City Council, in view of the fact that many members of your honorable body are Legionnaires. I have, accordingly, this day, directed the Superintendent of Public Buildings to cause to be erected a reviewing stand at the School street entrance to City Hall for the exclusive use of the Boston City Council.

I have further notified the Chief Marshal of the parade that this stand has been here located, and that it is my desire that the official salute be given to the President and the members of the City Council by the marchers in the parade.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Coun. CURTIS—Mr. President, at the Executive Committee meeting a committee of three was appointed in connection with this matter. I would like to move at this time that one of our members, a member of the Legion, who was absent from the committee room at the time, be included in the membership of the committee. I would move, therefore, that the number of the committee be enlarged to four, and that Councillor Fish be included.

Chairman COX—The Chair would rule that the motion is out of order, as that was a committee matter.

Coun. CURTIS—Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that we may take the matter up at this time, amending the vote in that respect, so as to allow of the addition of one more member to the committee.

Chairman COX—If there is no objection, the Chair will entertain the motion.

(No objection was expressed.)
Coun. CURTIS' motion prevailed, the membership of the committee was increased to four, and Councillor Fish was added to the committee.

Coun. FITZGERALD—Mr. President, I would

further move that Councilor Donovan be added to the committee, as a participant in the late war.
 Coun. DONOVAN—I do not wish to be added to the committee, Mr. President.
 The communication was placed on file.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named:

Claims.

Mary J Belton, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Brookline avenue.

Berman Radio Company, for compensation for damage to property at 62 Stuart street, caused by broken water main.

John Bowen Company, for refund on building permit.

William E. Boyle, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Rutherford avenue.

T. Alexander Brown, for compensation for damage to car by city employee.

J. William Burke, for compensation for injuries caused by city truck.

Mary J. Burke, for compensation for damage to a caused by an alleged defect in Columbus park.

Maria Chiarenza, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in ferryboat.

Ellen V. Connolly, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Stuart street.

John J. Corliss, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at I street and Eighth street.

Frank DeSantis, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in North Bennet Street Playground.

Alice L. Devery, for compensation for damage to car by city car.

Michael DiGregorio, for refund on refuse tickets.

William J. Donahue, for compensation for damage to property caused by car of Boston Park Commission.

Mary Driscoll, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in South Huntington avenue.

Mrs. Margie B. Faulkner, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 403 Massachusetts avenue.

Charlotte Fieldhouse, for refund on refuse tickets.

Isadore Flashner, for compensation for damage to car by city employees.

Ernest Fucillo, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Mrs. Bella Gordon, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Lowell street.

Mrs. Susan Gormley, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Hanover street.

Mrs. Bertha Hambro, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 543 Tremont street.

Harold W. Heinstein, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Park View street.

Arthur M. Keefe, for compensation for damage to car caused by alleged defect at 525 Dorchester avenue.

James J. Kerr, for compensation for damage to car by city car.

Alice M. P. Lanigan, for compensation for damage to property at 2161 Dorchester avenue, caused by hole in street.

Robert Lewis, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Joshua Bates School.

Gertrude Lorton, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Commonwealth avenue.

Joseph Libman, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Tremont street.

Arcangelo Marotta, for compensation for damage to property at 251 North street, caused by leak in water pipes.

Catherine Martell, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 43 Union street.

F. Mazzealla, for compensation for damage to car by prison van.

Domenic Melito, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 57 Clinton street.

Fred E. Miles, for compensation for damage to car by city cart.

Peter Mitkus, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in West Broadway.

National Ice Cream Company, Inc., for compensation for damage to truck caused by an alleged defect in Bartlett street.

Edward I. O'Dowd, for compensation for damage to car by fireman.

Patrick E. O'Neil, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Foss street.

Guiseppa Pascia *et al.*, for compensation for injuries caused on ferryboat.

Railway Express Agency, Inc., for compensation for damage to truck caused by defective manhole cover at 11 North Market street.

Benjamin Rogolsky, for compensation for damage to property at 156 Blue Hull avenue, caused by police motorcycle.

Estate of John Shea, for compensation for damage to property at 62 Stuart street, caused by break in water pipes.

Lillian Stewart, for refund on refuse tickets.

Mary C. Thompson, for compensation for damage to car by truck of Park Department.

Ellen M. Trask, for compensation for damage to clothing on ferry.

Alice Vuilleumier, for compensation for injuries resulting in death of mother, Maria Vuilleumier, caused by city truck.

Frank H. Walker, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Warren avenue.

Annie L. Walsh, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect on stairway in City Hall.

Robert H. Witham, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Edward O. Edenberg, for compensation for damage to property at 20 Liszt street, caused by change in grade of highway.

Louise C. Kiley, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 77 Summit street.

Wilbur P. MacCorkle, for compensation for damage to car caused by defect in Cummins Highway.

Executive.

Sheldon Fairbanks Expositions, for children to appear at Boston Garden from September 29 to October 14, 1930.

CHARLESTOWN BUS LINE.

A petition was received from the Boston Elevated Railway for license to operate motor vehicles in the City of Boston for the purpose of carrying passengers between the Somerville-Boston Line on Mystic avenue and Sullivan square, over Mystic avenue and Main street. (Boston section of a route between West Medford and Sullivan square, Boston.) Rate of fare with transfer, 10 cents. Referred to Committee on Jitney Licenses.

BUSES ON MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE.

The following was received:

The School Committee of the City of Boston, 11 Beacon Street, Boston, September 19, 1930.

To the Honorable the City Council.

Gentlemen,—It has been called to the attention of the School Committee that there is no car service now on Massachusetts avenue from Uphams Corner by way of Edward Everett square, and that the tracks have been removed, which would indicate that there is to be no car service through that section. This discontinuance of service is proving a hardship to the school children who go from Dorchester, Mattapan, Neponset, etc., to the in-town schools. The children must now go by way of Dudley street or Andrew square, which mean considerable additional time going to and from school.

The School Committee brings the matter to the attention of your honorable body with the hope that you may take steps to authorize bus transportation through that section in the interests of the school children and of the people of the section who must be equally handicapped by the taking away of the car service which has been available for so many years.

Very truly yours,

ELLEN M. CRONIN, Secretary.

Placed on file.

CONSTABLES' BONDS.

Notice was received from the City Treasurer of approval of surety on the constables' bonds of Robert H. Homans and Henry Talberth. Approved.

PAY ROLL OF THE REGISTRY OF DEEDS.

The pay roll of the Registry of Deeds, for the period from September 1 to September 15, 1930, amounting to \$4,740.81, was received and approved.

The pay roll of the Registry for the period from August 18 to September 20, on piece work, and from September 16 to September 30, for regular employees, amounting to \$8,697.45, was received and approved.

PAY ROLL OF CHELSEA COURT OFFICERS.

The pay roll of the court officers of the Chelsea District Court, amounting to \$366.66, was received and approved.

ROXBURY COURT BILL.

A bill of the justice of the Roxbury Court, sitting in the appellate division, amounting to \$15, was received and approved.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Coun. MAHONEY, for the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, submitted a report recommending the passage of an order for the payment of aid to the soldiers and sailors and their families in the City of Boston for the month of September, 1930, under the provisions of chapter 115 of the General Laws, and Acts and Amendments thereof, or in addition thereto.

Report accepted; said order passed.

MINORS' LICENSES GRANTED.

Minors' licenses were granted to forty-eight newsboys, forty-five vendors and three bootblacks.

BOSTON FIREMEN'S RELIEF FUND.

The report of the Fire Commissioner and the other members of the department, constituting the Board to handle the Boston Firemen's Relief Fund, for the year ending August 31, 1930, duly audited, was submitted and placed on file.

CONTRACT NOTICE.

Notice was received from Joseph A. Tomasello, a member of the Board of Appeal of the City of Boston, of his interest in contract with the City of Boston, to wit:

Sheet asphalt pavement in Massachusetts avenue, Falmouth street and Walnut avenue.

Placed on file.

PETITION FOR ANNUITY.

Coun. POWER presented the following:
To the Honorable the City Council.

The undersigned respectfully petitions to be paid an annuity on account of the death of her husband, George J. Corcoran, late a member of the Fire Department, who died on September 16, 1930, from injuries received from an accident occurring while in the performance of his duty as a fireman. He left a widow, the undersigned, and one child, Charles G. Corcoran, aged 4½ years.

ISABEL M. CORCORAN,
58 Pontiac Street, Roxbury.

Referred to Executive Committee.

PETITION, RE UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION.

A communication was received from the Unemployed Council of Boston relative to the unemployment situation.

Placed on file.

RESURFACING DORCHESTER STREETS.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner, through his Honor the Mayor, be, and said commissioner hereby is, respectfully requested to resurface Fuller street, Dorchester.

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner, through his Honor the Mayor, be, and said Commissioner hereby is, respectfully requested to resurface Bailey street, Dorchester.

Orders passed under suspension of the rule.

STOP LIGHTS, CODMAN SQUARE.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission, through his Honor the Mayor, be, and said commission hereby is, respectfully requested to install in Codman square, Dorchester, suitable stop lights at street intersections.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, upon the order proposing stop lights at Codman square, I ask a suspension of the rule at this time, in view of the amount of traffic at that point. There are six intersections there of Washington street, Talbot avenue, Centre street and Norfolk street, with at least two surface car lines and three bus lines, and three streets coming over the hill at that point. The result is to make that a most dangerous place at the present time. In addition, we have the largest girls' high school in the city located at Codman square. I sincerely trust that the order will pass under suspension of the rule.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

WARDROOM ON BLOSSOM STREET.

Coun. FITZGERALD offered the following:

Ordered, That the land and building on Blossom street, formerly occupied as a health unit, be placed in the care and custody of the Superintendent of Public Buildings to be used for a wardroom for Ward 3.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

SIDEWALK, CAMBRIDGE STREET.

Coun. HEIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Cambridge street (south side), from Mechanic street, northwesterly, Ward 21, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK ON MAPLETON STREET.

Coun. GALLAGHER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Mapleton street, from Murdock street to Market street, Ward 22, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

JITNEY LICENSE.

Coun. MURRAY for the Committee on jitney Licenses, submitting a report recommending that leave be granted the Boston Elevated Railway

Company (referred January 20) to run jitneys between Northampton street and Savin Hill station.

Report accepted, leave granted on the usual condition.

FENCES AT L STREET BATH.

Coun. MAHONEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commissioner, through his Honor the Mayor, be, and said Commissioner hereby is, respectfully requested to assure proper fences incident to construction of the new L Street bathhouse and especially continuation of the present system at the men's bathhouse at L Street.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PARADE HOLIDAY TO CITY EMPLOYEES.

Coun. MAHONEY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to allow a holiday to all city employees on the day of the American Legion parade, October 7, without loss of pay.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RENTAL OF SCHOOL TO TUBERCULOSIS ASSOCIATION.

Coun. MAHONEY for Coun. LYNCH offered the following:

Ordered, That the School Committee be, and hereby is, authorized to lease, for a nominal rental, the Tyler Street School to the Boston Tuberculosis Association, on such terms and conditions as said committee may deem advisable.

Referred to Executive Committee.

VOTING HOURS, STATE ELECTION.

Coun. MURRAY offered the following:

Ordered, That the polls of the several polling places in the City of Boston at the State Election on Tuesday, November 4, 1930, shall be opened at six o'clock A. M. and closed at eight o'clock P. M.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

REPAVING OF WARD 19 STREETS.

Coun. MURRAY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth pavement Neponset avenue, Ward 19.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth pavement Bourne street, Ward 19.

Orders passed under suspension of the rule.

ACCEPTANCE OF BAKER AVENUE.

Coun. KELLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Baker avenue, Ward 15, as a public highway.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

MODERN LIGHTS ON RONAN STREET.

Coun. KELLEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to replace the two old type arc lights on Ronan street, Ward 15, with two modern electric lights during the present construction work.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALKS, WARD 22.

Coun. GALLAGHER offered the following orders:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Mapleton street, both sides, from Murdock street to Market street, Ward 22, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Brentwood street, both sides, from Franklin street to Everett street, Ward 22, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Etna street, both sides, from North Beacon street to Elmira street, Ward 22, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Waverly street, both sides, from Market street to bend, and west side from bend to Western avenue, Ward 22, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Portsmouth street, west side, from Waverly street to Lothrop street, Ward 22, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

The Council voted, at 2.43 p. m., on motion of Coun. BUSH, to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by Chairman COS at 4.20 p. m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. MAHONEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on petition of Sheldon Fairbanks Expositions (referred today) for children to appear at Boston Garden from September 29 to October 4, 1930—that leave be granted.

Report accepted, leave granted on the usual conditions.

2. Report on the order (referred today) that the polls of the several polling places in the City of Boston at the state election on Tuesday, November 4, 1930, shall be opened at 6 o'clock a. m. and closed at 8 o'clock p. m.—that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted, order passed.

3. Report on the order (referred today) that the School Committee be, and hereby is, authorized to lease for a nominal rental the Tyler Street School to the Boston Tuberculosis Association on such terms and conditions as said committee may deem advisable—that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted, said order passed.

4. Report on order (submitted by the Mayor and referred today) that the sum of \$20,000 be and the same hereby is, appropriated to be expended under the direction of his Honor the Mayor, in accordance with chapter 229 of the Acts of 1929, for necessary expenses of the Boston

Port Authority, said sum to be charged to the Reserve Fund—that the same ought to pass.

Report on order (submitted by the Mayor and referred today) to transfer \$96,400.57 from Columbus Park Improvements, to Columbus Park and Strandway improvements, etc.—that the same ought to pass.

Report on orders (submitted by the Mayor and referred today) for transfers within departmental appropriations—that the same ought to pass.

Reports accepted, above orders severally passed, yeas 20, nays 0.

LEASE TO BUNKER HILL POST, A. L.

Coun. McGRATH, for the Committee on Public Lands, submitted a report on the order (referred June 23) authorizing a lease to Bunker Hill Post, No. 26, of the American Legion, of the Jacob Foss Schoolhouse, so called, on Chestnut street in the Charlestown district—that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted, said order passed, yeas, 20, nays, 0.

HEARING ON PARKING.

Coun. DONOVAN submitted the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested to grant further hearings on parking conditions in suburban districts.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, my reason for introducing the order at this time is that I want to strenuously protest against the arrest of people who park cars in the suburban districts. I personally enjoy the friendship of the police, particularly of the officers in my district, and I have the highest respect for their honesty and devotion to duty as public officials. But I want to most earnestly and strenuously protest against the arrest by the police of people who park cars in the suburban districts. We grant certain licenses and privileges in Boston to taxicab companies and taxicab owners, and certainly no good purpose is served by preventing the owners of cars in the suburban districts from even parking cars in front of their own homes, particularly where there is no question of interference with traffic arising. Certainly, unless a man is interfering with traffic conditions, he has a perfect right to park his car in front of his own house. Certainly no question can arise in regard to such parking of cars in the suburban district where there is no interference with traffic. As I understand it, the restrictions against the parking of cars in the congested parts of the City of Boston is in order to relieve the congestion that would otherwise result. That is all right in the heart of the business section. But when you get out into the suburban districts and interfere with the parking of cars outside of the homes of our citizens by their owners, haling into court taxpayers of our city and giving them a criminal record, simply because they have left their cars parked outside of their homes, it is going altogether too far. Whenever we have an innovation of this kind, in police procedure in this city, the brunt of it always seems to fall on East Boston. "Everything falls on Patsy." I don't know how it may be in other parts of the city, but, due to a piece written by a scribe on one of our East Boston papers,—a rather long article dealing with the parking of cars in certain parts of East Boston—which was evidently called to the attention of the Traffic Commissioner by one of our garage owners, the police have been indulging in activities in the way of bringing into court car owners in our section, people who have parked cars in places where there was no interference whatever with traffic conditions. It seems to me an outrageous thing. I am not offering the order at all as an affront to the Traffic Commissioner of the city, who simply had it called to his attention in this way and who acted accordingly; but I do feel that it is outrageous to have such car owners brought into the courts of the Commonwealth and given a record for any such cause, people who are honest, law-abiding citizens of the community.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I agree with the gentleman from East Boston (Councilor Donovan) in this matter. I feel that the Traffic Commissioner has been doing an excellent job in the downtown district of Boston, but I agree with the councilor that a resident of a suburban district ought to have the privilege of parking his own

machine in front of his own home. There has been similar procedure to that of which the councilor tells about in East Boston taken in regard to parked vehicles in the Dorchester district, particularly in the neighborhood of Codman Hill. There have been such cases where men have parked cars in front of their own homes, and also cases where they have parked them in the neighborhood of various moving picture houses, where they were not interfering with traffic in any way whatever. It seems to me that the only logical objection to such parking is where it is causing congestion and interfering with the free flow of traffic; but in the residential districts, for the most part, particularly in places where there is no danger of traffic congestion, the police of this city could better utilize their time in other ways than by bringing the owners of cars, who park them in front of their own homes, into court. Particularly when we consider, Mr. President, the breaks that have been going on in some of the districts, it certainly seems that the police officers in such districts might better utilize their time on the more secluded and out-of-the-way portions of their beats than by staying among the bright lights, in such places as Codman square, which may afford a more pleasant environment than the other places where their efforts may be more needed. Certainly, it would seem that their time might be spent to better advantage than in bringing into court people who park cars in such districts in front of their own homes.

Coun. CURTIS—Mr. President, I would also like at this time to protest against the treatment of these minor violations as criminal offenses, dragging the owners of such cars into our courts and giving them thereby criminal records. There has been legislation suggested on the Hill for several years, carefully thought out by men of judicial capacity, to treat such technical violations of the law in a different way from that in which really criminal matters are treated; and I would like to see the Council go on record some day as favoring such proper and reasonable legislation.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALKS IN WARD 1.

Coun. DONOVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Breed street, both sides, from Bennington street to Leyden street, Ward 1, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Maverick street, from 249 to 295 and from 303 to 307, Ward 1, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Ford street, both sides, from Boardman street to Breed street, Ward 1, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Saratoga street, south side, from Waupeello road to Winthrop Bridge, Ward 1, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Orders severally passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK ON ANAWAN AVENUE.

Chairman COX offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public

Works make a sidewalk along Anawan avenue, both sides, from Belgrade avenue to Bellevue station, Ward 20, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

IMPROVEMENTS FOR WARD 4.

Coun. ARNOLD offered the following orders:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along West Canton street, both sides, from railroad bridge to Tremont street, Ward 4, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Claremont park, both sides, from railroad bridge to Columbus avenue, Ward 4, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install additional arc lights on Claremont park, between the railroad bridge and Columbus avenue, Ward 4.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth pavement Gainsborough street, Ward 4.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth pavement, St. Stephen street, Ward 4.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an arc light on Falmouth street, midway between West Newton and Norway streets, Ward 4.

Orders severally passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALKS, WARD 3.

Coun. FITZGERALD offered the following orders:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along McLean street, both sides, from Chambers street to Blossom street, Ward 3, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Allen street, both sides, from Chambers street to Blossom street, Ward 3, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Lynde street, both sides, from Cambridge street to Green street, Ward 3, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Chambers street, both sides, from Green street to Cambridge street, Ward 3, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above

the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Orders severally passed under suspension of the rule.

LOAN FOR GRANOLITHIC SIDEWALKS.

Coun. BUSH offered the following:

Ordered, That the sum of fifty thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, for the construction of granolithic sidewalks, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Coun. BUSH—Mr. President, I am just in receipt of a communication from the Commissioner of Public Works to the effect that the amount authorized for the construction of granolithic sidewalks is practically exhausted, and that no additional sidewalks can be built this year unless that amount is increased. Therefore, I present this order for passage, asking that an additional \$50,000 be appropriated for this purpose.

Coun. DOWD—Mr. President, if there is no objection I move suspension of the rule for the passage of the order.

The rule was suspended, and the order was given its first reading and passage. yeas 20, nays 0.

SIDEWALK ON HOWLAND STREET.

Coun. BUSH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Howland street, both sides, from Elm Hill avenue to No. 30, Ward 12, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of rule.

SIDEWALKS IN WARD 13.

Coun. McGRATH offered the following orders:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along 18 Harbor View street, corner of Grant street, on the Grant street side, Ward 13, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Crescent avenue, both sides, from Dorchester avenue to Dorchester Rapid Transit, Ward 13, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Carson street, both sides, from Crescent avenue to Dorchester Rapid Transit, Ward 13, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Harbor View street, both sides, from Dorchester avenue to Sydney street, Ward 13, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Orders severally passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK ON BOWDOIN STREET.

Coun. RUBY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Bowdoin street, west side, from Bullard street to No. 114, Ward 14, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK ON EAST STREET.

Coun. KELLY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along East street, both sides, from Adams street to Dorchester avenue, Ward 15, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of rule.

SIDEWALKS IN WARD 19.

Coun. MURRAY offered the following orders:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Bourne street, both sides, Ward 19, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Forbes street, both sides, Ward 10 and 19, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Neponset avenue, both sides, Ward 19, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Orders severally passed under suspension of rule.

SIDEWALK ON RIVER STREET.

Coun. WILSON, for Coun. Norton offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along River street, both sides, from 100 feet west of Duxbury road to Blue Hill avenue, Ward 18, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of rule.

APPROPRIATION FOR LONG ISLAND HOSPITAL.

Coun. HEIN—Mr. President, I move that we take up, under Unfinished Business, No. 1 on the calendar:

No. 1 on the calendar, under Unfinished Business, is as follows:

1. Ordered, That the sum of fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Commissioner of Institutions for Power Plant, Long Island Hospital, alterations and improvements, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be, and he hereby is, authorized to issue, from time to time, upon request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston to said amount.

On September 8, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 16, nays, 6.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I move that No. 1 lie over to next week, because of the absence of several members of the Council.

Coun. CURTIS—Mr. President, I think we ought to take this order up today. The cold weather is coming along, and it seems to me this is a thing that ought not to be delayed. I oppose assignment.

Coun. Wilson's motion to assign was declared lost.

Coun. Ruby doubted the vote and asked the Yeas and Nays.

Coun. Wilson's motion to assign to the next meeting was carried, yeas 14, nays 6.

Yeas—Coun. Bush, Cox, Curtis, Donovan, Dowd, Englert, Fish, Gallagher, Green, Mahoney, McGrath, Power, Ruby, Wilson—14.

Nays—Coun. Arnold, Fitzgerald, Gleason, Hein, Kelly, Murray—6.

CONFIRMATION OF CONSTABLES.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I ask that the names of Frank J. Staula and Joseph I. Cotter, appointed as constables under No. 9 on the calendar, be taken up and acted upon at this time.

The Council voted to take up, under Unfinished Business, in No. 9 on the calendar, the appointments by the Mayor of August 18, 1930, of Frank J. Staula, and Joseph I. Cotter, to be Constables.

The question came on confirmation: Committee, Coun. Gleason and Dowd. Whole number of ballots called, 15, yeas, 15, and the appointments were confirmed.

GRANOLITHIC WALK, SAVIN HILL BEACH.

Coun. MCGRATH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to construct a granolithic walk along the front of Savin Hill Beach, which would enable mothers with babies to utilize the same for a baby carriage promenade where they would enjoy the benefits of the salt air and sunshine for a period of seven months during the year instead of the customary three months' period for which the beach is now available.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

MODERN BATH HOUSE, SAVIN HILL BEACH.

Coun. MCGRATH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through His Honor the Mayor, to consider the advisability of constructing a modern bath house at Savin Hill Beach to replace the present structure.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

Adjourned, on motion of Coun. ENGLERT, at 4.45 p. m., to meet on Monday, October 6, at 2 p. m.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, October 6, 1930.

Regular meeting of the City Council, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President LYNCH in the chair. Absent, Coun. Dowd and Norton.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn under the law, Coun. RUBY presiding at the box in the absence of the Mayor, as follows:

Thirty-one traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, First Session, to appear November 3, 1930:

Lester H. Lilienthal, Ward 2; William J. O'Rourke, Ward 2; Harry M. Royce, Ward 3; John W. Crimmings, Ward 4; Eugene L. McMorrow, Ward 5; James Turpin, Ward 6; John J. Murphy, Ward 7; James Gallagher, Ward 8; George A. Aspacher, Ward 11; Michael M. Gaffey, Ward 11; Philip R. Duffy, Ward 12; John J. Connell, Ward 13; Albert L. Harland, Ward 15; Leo J. Shiney, Ward 16; John F. Sullivan, Ward 16; Robert E. Walsh, Ward 16; Wallace P. Lyon, Ward 17; Daniel L. Murphy, Ward 17; Joseph T. Neely, Ward 17; Leo M. Spillane, Ward 17; Frank L. White, Ward 17; Martin T. Hesson, Ward 18; Ralph E. Leach, Ward 18; Roger J. Scherber, Ward 18; Harry L. Cote, Ward 19; Walter B. Ludwig, Ward 19; Russell B. Rae, Ward 20; Ian N. Stuart, Ward 20; William S. Booth, Ward 21; Walter H. Littlefield, Ward 21; Forrest I. Patnode, Ward 22.

Thirty-one traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, Fourth Session, to appear November 3, 1930:

Frank J. Jackson, Ward 2; Herbert P. Goodwin, Ward 3; Harold Richardson, Ward 3; Charles I. Dickey, Ward 4; Alfred Simonds, Ward 4; John A. Gardner, Ward 6; Patrick J. Welch, Ward 6; Leo D. Walsh, Ward 7; Michael F. Coughlin, Ward 8; James J. Campbell, Ward 10; James N. Boyd, Ward 11; John R. McKenzie, Ward 11; James F. Tully, Ward 11; Olof Johnson, Ward 12; Benjamin Riley, Ward 12; James Robb, Ward 12; Samuel Kline, Ward 14; William E. Myers, Ward 14; Lewis D. Bartlett, Ward 15; Charles C. Peterson, Ward 15; Harry B. Segar, Ward 17; Olaf S. Eilertson, Ward 18; Archie L. Massey, Ward 18; George W. Sanborn, Ward 18; Martin C. Cherry, Ward 19; Patrick J. O'Flaherty, Ward 19; Arthur L. Stanck, Ward 20; Norton M. Waxer, Ward 21; John J. Connan, Ward 22; James O'Brien, Ward 22; Frank W. Small, Ward 22.

Thirty-one traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, Fifth Session, to appear November 3, 1930:

Joseph Henry Clemens, Ward 1; James S. White, Ward 4; Charles T. Mackey, Ward 7; John P. Foley, Ward 8; Max Lipson, Ward 9; Philip Joseph Owens, Ward 9; John P. Harmon, Ward 12; Arthur C. Robbins, Ward 12; John F. O'Flaherty, Ward 13; William G. Cooney, Ward 14; John Leo Horrigan, Ward 15; William A. Horgan, Ward 15; James J. Logan, Ward 15; John A. O'Hearn, Ward 15; Joseph E. Kimball, Ward 16; Albert L. Potter, Ward 16; Edward Galiano, Ward 17; Harry Fausman, Ward 17; William James McKelligan, Ward 18; Carl A. Nilson, Ward 18; Allen L. Saxe, Ward 18; Charles H. Danforth, Ward 19; John A. Nolan, Ward 19; George Albrecht, Ward 20; Howard R. Guild, Ward 20; Carl H. Justheim, Ward 20; Charles E. Sayer, Ward 20; George E. Dayce, Ward 20; Frederick A. Watson, Ward 20; Thomas Joseph Calnan, Ward 22; Charles F. Davis, Ward 22.

Twenty-eight traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, First Session, October Sitting, to appear November 3, 1930:

John J. Cody, Ward 2; Charles Q. Morse, Ward 3; Gilbert E. Fuller, Ward 5; George Harris, Ward 7; Jeremiah E. Sullivan, Ward 7;

Cornelius W. Burke, Ward 8; Joseph L. Fink, Ward 10; Walter L. Brewing, Ward 12; Abraham Cutler, Ward 12; Thomas W. Ross, Ward 12; John H. Cavanagh, Jr., Ward 13; Manuel Feldman, Ward 14; John B. Lennon, Ward 14; Max N. Levenson, Ward 14; Adolf Vogel, Ward 14; Arthur T. McStowe, Ward 15; Charles A. Tupper, Ward 17; James Finnegan, Ward 19; Allen C. McEachern, Ward 19; Thomas S. Morris, Ward 19; Thomas J. Ryan, Ward 19; Frank X. Brack, Ward 20; Ralph B. Maxted, Ward 20; John A. Young, Ward 20; Frederick R. Kinsman, Ward 21; Ernest L. Taylor, Ward 21; Richard F. Barry, Ward 22; Charles E. Neal, Ward 22.

Twenty-eight traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Second Session, October Sitting, to appear November 3, 1930:

Ernest Ferri, Ward 1; Joseph Mierzykowski, Ward 1; Dominick A. Stasio, Ward 1; Dennis Banfield, Ward 2; William J. Mulligan, Ward 3; Bernhard Gross, Ward 4; Joseph H. Basker, Ward 5; John E. Kennedy, Ward 5; Charles G. Bell, Ward 7; John Polonis, Ward 7; John F. Hickey, Ward 8; Joseph M. Pitts, Ward 10; Michael Powers, Ward 10; Rudolph J. Kussmaul, Ward 11; Henry H. Robbins, Ward 14; Ralph R. Reddy, Ward 15; George W. Shelley, Ward 15; John J. Wade, Ward 16; Michael O'Neill, Ward 17; Albert E. Bouffard, Ward 18; Theodore H. Noll, Ward 18; Paul D. Taylor, Ward 18; John J. Stuart, Ward 19; Norman John Simpson, Ward 20; August Thalin, Ward 20; Thomas F. Clark, Ward 22; Frederick J. Mahony, Ward 22; Arthur McManus, Ward 22.

Twenty-six traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Third Session, October Sitting, to appear November 3, 1930:

William R. Paudreau, Ward 1; George W. McCarthy, Ward 1; George F. Barringer, Ward 2; William J. Fitzgerald, Ward 2; Herbert M. Baldwin, Ward 5; David McBride, Ward 7; Daniel N. Hart, Ward 8; Joseph E. Mooney, Ward 8; Edwin A. Black, Ward 9; George J. Regan, Ward 10; William Bauer, Ward 11; James A. Johnson, Ward 11; William H. Kenney, Ward 11; Daniel J. McCormick, Ward 11; George W. Weiffenbach, Ward 12; Frank B. Sullivan, Ward 13; Albert W. O'Callaghan, Ward 14; Robert M. Segel, Ward 14; William E. Harman, Ward 16; George W. Nelson, Ward 16; George M. Devonshire, Ward 17; Kenneth L. Stelle, Ward 19; Herbert J. Towle, Ward 19; John P. Walsh, Ward 19; George F. Dunkel, Ward 20; William C. Phillips, Ward 21.

Twenty-eight travers jurors, Superior Civil Court, Fourth Session, October Sitting, to appear November 3, 1930:

John Leigh, Ward 1; William Dawson, Ward 5; Thomas F. Jones, Ward 6; John J. O'Donoghue, Ward 6; William H. Palin, Ward 6; Thomas Robertson, Ward 6; Henry Thormahlen, Ward 7; Edward J. Glennon, Ward 9; James T. Howard, Ward 9; William L. Austin, Ward 10; William H. Condon, Ward 10; William J. Mahoney, Ward 11; James McIntyre, Ward 11; Frederick J. Ryan, Ward 11; Benjamin F. Jacobs, Ward 12; John A. Gately, Ward 13; Nathan J. Goldberg, Ward 14; Irving Harris, Ward 14; William D. Watt, Ward 15; Peter V. Nolan, Ward 16; Frank J. O'Connell, Ward 16; William V. McDonough, Ward 17; Francis M. Smith, Ward 16; Miles B. Bowers, Ward 18; Henry A. N. Vincent, Ward 18; Albert V. Collins, Ward 20; George Gibbs, Ward 20; David J. Horan, Ward 21.

Twenty-five traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Fifth Session, October Sitting, to appear November 3, 1930:

Edward T. Sawyer, Ward 1; John F. Cotter, Ward 2; Thomas W. Headley, Ward 3; Arthur Lappen, Ward 3; George D. Haskell, Ward 5; Roy W. Hunt, Ward 5; Edward J. Moore, Ward 6; Walter J. Wainor, Ward 7; George F. Williams, Ward 8; James F. Kelleher, Ward 10; Thomas O'Rourke, Ward 10; Albert C. Shea, Ward 10; Allen Harris, Ward 12; Henry F. Brady, Ward 13; Albert Winn, Ward 14; Patrick E. Kelleher, Ward 16; Bartholomew D. McHugh, Ward 17; William H. Ring, Ward 17; Elmer G. Wahlstedt, Ward 18; Harrison Fowler, Ward 20; Michael Flynn, Ward 21; John J. Strachan, Ward 21; Thomas F. Allen, Ward 22; John J. Curley, Ward 22; William J. Walsh, Ward 22.

Twenty-seven traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Sixth Session, October Sitting, to appear November 3, 1930:

George H. Bailey, Ward 2; Edward W. Delaney, Ward 4; Frank J. Burroughs, Ward 6; John Flynn, Ward 6; Henry J. A. Julian, Ward 7; George J. Maguire, Ward 8; Horace H. Norton, Ward 8; John A. Clark, Ward 9; Walter A. Burke, Ward 10; Henry G. Curley, Ward 10; Thomas H. McCourt, Ward 10; John V. O'Regan, Ward 10; Thomas F. Walsh, Ward 11; John J. Savage, Ward 12; Charles A. Turner, Ward 12; John H. Colbert, Ward 13; James J. Healy, Ward 13; Louis C. MacDonald, Ward 13; Thomas L. Quilty, Ward 11; Averill P. Sparks, Ward 13; Nathan Kopelman, Ward 14; John T. Griffin, Ward 16; John T. Kennedy, Ward 16; Thomas J. Fay, Ward 17; Arthur B. Chittick, Ward 18; Frederick A. Watson, Ward 19; John S. Martin, Ward 20.

Twenty-eight traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Seventh Session, October Sitting, to appear November 3, 1930:

James J. Clark, Ward 1; William T. King, Ward 1; Edward McCarthy, Ward 1; Stephen P. Doherty, Ward 2; Charles J. Boyle, Ward 3; James Hartnett, Ward 4; John L. Murdock, Ward 5; Edwin Flannery, Ward 6; John M. Ford, Jr., Ward 6; Thomas E. Hunt, Ward 7; William F. Bryant, Ward 8; Timothy F. Regan, Ward 8; Edward M. Glennon, Ward 9; Thomas F. Connors, Ward 10; William E. Braudis, Ward 10; William H. Warnock, Ward 10; Albert F. Kussmaul, Ward 11; John W. Cutter, Ward 12; John J. McCarthy, Ward 13; Timothy J. Cronin, Ward 14; Peter McGovern, Ward 15; Francis A. Seaverns, Ward 15; John Daly, Ward 16; Peter V. Flanagan, Ward 18; James E. Savage, Ward 18; Frederick S. Smith, Ward 18; Frederick A. Hutchins, Ward 20; Harry M. Lazarus, Ward 21.

Coun. BUSH in the chair.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

Communications were received from the Mayor making the following appointments, subject to confirmation of the Council, for the term ending April 30, 1931:

Constables: Michael F. Murray, 151 Terrace street, city; Thomas A. McKenna, 16 Garden street, Roxbury; Hammond T. Fletcher, 8 Bulfinch place, city; Jacob P. Grossman, 2 Grove park, Roxbury; Samuel Weiner, 327 Seaver street, Dorchester; Timothy Ryan, 6 Beacon street, city.

Weigher of Coal: Frances Gallagher, 92 Lewis Wharf, Boston.

Weigher of Goods: Abram L. Smith, 27 Havelock street, Dorchester.

Severally laid over a week under the law.

CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The constable's bond of Frank J. Staula, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, was received and approved.

ELEVATED RAILWAY 76TH LOCATION.

A copy of an order of the Street Commissioners granting to the Boston Elevated Railway Company a location for double tracks in Summer street (formerly L street) and L street, South Boston, from and connecting with existing tracks at or near the southerly end of Summer Street Bridge to and connecting with existing tracks at East Broadway, together with and including a double track curve in Summer street, leading to and connecting with existing tracks in East First street, was received and placed on file.

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

Chairman BUSH called up, under unfinished business, Nos. 2 and 3 on the calendar, viz.:

2. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor September 29, 1930, of Wilton E. Harding,

Joseph M. Santis, John J. Heffernan, Andrew Connaughton, Sydney I. Rossman and May E. Bennett, to be Weighers of Coal.

3. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor September 29, 1930, of Edward H. Buist, Edward A. Fay, Richard F. Corrigan, Francis W. Sprague, Arthur J. Page, George Sawyer and Joseph R. Betts, to be Weighers of Goods.

The question came on confirmation. Committee, Coun. Cox and Arnold. Whole number of ballots 12, yeas 12 and the appointments were confirmed.

THE NEXT MEETING.

Coun. RUBY—Mr. President, I move that when the Council adjourns today it be to meet two weeks from today.

Coun. MURRAY—Mr. President, if we pass No. 1 on the calendar today I believe we should then adjourn for two weeks. If we do not pass No. 1, I believe we should meet next week and then give the order its second reading. I hope, therefore, that we will meet next week.

Coun. Ruby's motion that when the Council adjourns it be for two weeks, was declared carried.

Later in the session, Coun. HEIN called up, under unfinished business, No. 1 on the calendar, viz.:

1. Ordered, That the sum of fifty thousand (\$50,000) dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Commissioner of Institutions for Power Plant, Long Island Hospital, alterations and improvements, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be, and he hereby is, authorized to issue, from time to time, upon request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City of Boston to said amount.

On September 8, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 16, nays 6.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I move that No. 1 be assigned to the next meeting of the Council.

Coun. Wilson's motion was declared carried.

Coun. MURRAY—Mr. President, I now make a motion that we reconsider Coun. Ruby's motion that when the Council adjourn it be for two weeks, so that we may have a chance to give No. 1 on the calendar a second reading and passage next week.

Coun. Murray's motion to reconsider Coun. Ruby's adjournment motion was declared lost.

Coun. MURRAY and WILSON addressed the Chair and Coun. Wilson was recognized.

CONFIRMATION OF CONSTABLES.

On motion of Coun. WILSON, the Council voted to take up, under unfinished business, in No. 12 on the calendar, appointments of constables submitted by the Mayor September 29, the names of Daniel W. McCarthy, Joseph Coviello and Patrick F. Hanrahan.

The question came on confirmation of the above appointees. Committee, Coun. Hein and Fitzgerald. Whole number of ballots 15, yeas 15 and the appointments were confirmed.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the Committee on Claims:

Mrs. Mattie Bruton, for compensation for damage to property at 3003 Washington street, caused by leak in water mains.

Margaret M. Connolly, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in East Eighth street.

Charles DeRatti, for compensation for damage to property at 36 Emerald street, caused by ash truck.

Mrs. Ann Doherty, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Milton street and Allendale avenue.

Arthur Dumas *et al.*, for compensation for injuries caused by city car.

Wilfred P. Joyce, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Chelsea Bridge.

A. M. Lutch, for compensation for loss of clothing at Deer Island.

Charles A. McDonough, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Gallivan Boulevard.

C. W. Orr, for refund on unused refuse tickets.
Benedetto Vanella, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 109 Saratoga street.

SIDEWALK ON TAYLOR STREET, WARD 3.

Coun. FITZGERALD offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Taylor street, both sides, from Dwight street to Milford street, Ward 3, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ELEVATED JITNEYS, DORCHESTER.

Coun. MURRAY, for the Committee on Jitney Licenses, submitted a report on the application of the Boston Elevated Railway Company (referred August 18) for license to run motor vehicles between Cedar Grove Station and Marsh and Belton streets, Dorchester,—that a license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted on the usual conditions.

IMPROVEMENTS FOR WARD 17.

Coun. WILSON, offered the following orders:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Washington street, Ward 17, from the Southern Artery to River street.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to resurface Washington street, Ward 17, from Codman square to Bowdoin street.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Nelson street, both sides, from Nelson street to Selden street, Ward 17, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, as part of 1931 street program, to lay out and accept as public highways the following streets in Ward 17:

Groveland street, from River street to Manchester street.

Bernard street, from Southern avenue to Norfolk street.

Clement park, from Central street to Dayton street.

Allerton road, from Park street to Kenberma road.

Johnson place, from 19 River street.

Darling street, from Southern avenue to Norfolk street.

Moody street, from Torrey street to Dunbar avenue.

Orders severally passed under suspension of the rule.

NOTICE OF REAL ESTATE OWNERSHIP CHANGES.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested in the budget for 1931 to make suitable provision for such clerical assistance as will provide for notice being given the Water Division of the Public Works Department, the Board of Health, and the office of the City Collector, with reference to any changes in ownership of real estate in the City of Boston.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, with reference to that last order, I submit that that request of

the Mayor is a very proper and important one. The reason for the request, briefly, is this, that in the 1931 budget some provision be made for clerical assistance to follow the transfers of title and the Suffolk Registry of Deeds. I understand, perhaps erroneously, that even at the present time the Board of Assessors has a staff of eight or ten men who supposedly follow those transfers and keep the Assessing Department somewhat in line with what is going on, in order that tax bills may be sent to the proper parties. But, owing to the present duplication of effort in different departments, there should be a sufficient number of men assigned to the Registry of Deeds to give notice of transfers of title not only to the assessors' office, but to the Water Division of the Public Works Department, the City Collector's office, and other offices that may be concerned with transfers of title. Recently, in spite of the assurance of the last administration that there would be no further water shutoffs in the City of Boston, and despite my protest earlier this year, I understand that they have returned to the old city ordinance in the matter of water shutoffs, with a great deal of injustice and hardship to parties who are really innocent. You will probably recall that a year or two ago the Council thought the matter of sufficient importance, after scores of water shutoffs in Dorchester, to recommend that the water ordinance that allowed that sort of thing be repealed, having in mind the fact that the ones who suffer in such cases are the occupants, not the owners of the buildings. Our action was vetoed. Assurance, however, was given by the last administration that that sort of thing should not be continued. But during the last month several instances have come to my attention in my ward of shutoffs, which, of course, affect immediately the occupants, without notice being served on the present owners, probably because of misapprehension in regard to the ownership. It seems to me some provision should be made so that the Water Department may know to whom to send their notices, and the City Collector's office should be kept informed so that it may know to whom to send tax bills. I understand that where a tax bill is sent to the wrong owner, and is not paid for two years, the property is sold for taxes, and then the question comes of assessing costs and accrued interest. If it can be shown that no bill was sent to the owner of record on the first of April, even though the city is trying to get the taxes for two or three years, it can get no interest and no costs under the law. So it seems to me an ordinance such as I suggest would also be in the interest of the city in that respect. Therefore, not only from the point of view of the man whose water is shut off, but from the point of view of the owner of the property and of the City of Boston, I feel that something should be done in this matter.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

MOTION RE NEXT MEETING.

Coun. MURRAY—Mr. President, I make a motion that when we adjourn it be to Tuesday of next week, instead of Monday.

Chairman BUSH—The motion is out of order.

BATH HOUSE AND LOCKER BUILDING, SAVIN HILL.

Coun. McGRATH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to include in its budget for 1931 a sum sufficient to erect a combination bath house and locker building to replace the present structure located between Savin Hill B each and the Savin Hill Playground.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

AUTOMATIC SIGNAL LIGHT, WARD 11.

Coun. ENGLERT offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide for the installation of automatic signal light at the junction of Green and Washington streets, Ward 11.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ELECTRIC ARC LAMP, WARD 15.

Coun. KELLY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to establish an electric arc lamp at the corner of Granger street and Duncan street, Ward 15.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

EXTENSION OF SPOFFORD ROAD,
WARD 21.

Coun. HEIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to extend Spofford road, Ward 21, to the main roadway of Commonwealth avenue by means of a road crossing the street car reservation.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SPOT-LIGHT, COMMONWEALTH AVENUE,
WARD 21.

Coun. HEIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Police be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install a spot-light for the traffic officer at Commonwealth avenue and Gorham street, Ward 21.

Coun. HEIN—Mr. President, in regard to that proposed spot-light on Commonwealth avenue and Gorham street, I introduced an order along this line some time ago. At that time the Police Commissioner said it was not needed there. Since then, three police officers have been hurt there and two are in the hospital at the present time. There have been thirty-five accidents there within a few months, due to a precaution of this kind not being taken. It is near a theater. I trust that the Police Commissioner will see fit to install such a light there.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

CLOSING MINIATURE GOLF COURSES
AT 11.30.

Coun. HEIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on Ordinances be requested to consider the advisability of draft-

ing and presenting to the City Council for action an ordinance providing for the closing of miniature golf courses within the city limits not later than eleven thirty o'clock p. m.

Coun. HEIN—Mr. President, there seems to be at present no time for the closing of these golf courses, with the result that many people who want to sleep in their neighborhood are unable to do so. They run until two or three o'clock in the morning, making considerable noise. I hope this matter will be considered by the Committee on Ordinances and that an ordinance will be drafted which will provide for the shutting down of these courses at 11.30 p. m.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

ACTION TAKEN ON ADJOURNMENT.

Coun. MURRAY—Mr. President, I would like to ask the stenographer what action was taken in regard to the motion to reconsider Coun. Ruby's motion to adjourn?

The REPORTER—The motion to reconsider was lost.

Chairman BUSH—There is no doubt about it.

Coun. MURRAY—Well, if so, Mr. President, the announcement was mumbled.

Chairman BUSH—I think the announcement was made very clearly.

Coun. KELLY—Mr. President, I noticed Councilor Murray rise to his feet to doubt the vote, but I noticed that you recognized Councilor Wilson. I don't know whether it was an oversight or what it was.

Chairman BUSH—In explanation, the Chair would say that he recognized Councilor Wilson because Councilor Murray had just spoken.

Coun. KELLY—We had just voted, and Councilor Murray rose to his feet, and you refused to recognize him. That is what happened. I know what happened.

Chairman BUSH—Further motions, orders and resolutions?

Adjourned at 3.03 p. m., on motion of Coun. ENGLERT, to meet on Monday, October 20, at 2 p. m.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, October 20, 1930.

Regular meeting of the City Council in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President LYNCH in the chair and all the members present except Coun. Gallagher.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments for term ending April 30, 1930, viz.:

Constables: Abraham Gibbs, 44 Saratoga street, East Boston; Edward Baum, 22 Stanwood street, Roxbury.

Weighers of Goods: Agda E. Gustafson, 325 Marginal street, East Boston; Charles A. McKenna, 98 Fairweather street, Cambridge.

Severally laid over a week under the law.

SAVIN HILL BEACH IMPROVEMENTS.

The following were received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 20, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report received from chairman of the Park Commission, Mr. William P. Long, in regard to including in the 1931 budget a sum sufficient to erect a combination bath house and locker building to replace the present structure located at Savin Hill Beach.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, October 10, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I am in receipt of an order from the City Council that the Park Commission be requested to include in its budget for 1931 a sum sufficient to erect a combination bath house and locker building to replace the present structure located at Savin Hill Beach.

An appropriation necessary to build this structure should be in the form of a loan order and not a budget item. The department will require \$40,000 to comply with this request.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 20, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith inclose report from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, regarding a bath house at Savin Hill Beach. This is in reply to your order of September 29, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, October 8, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I have an order from the City Council requesting that the Park Commission consider the advisability of constructing a modern bath house at Savin Hill Beach to replace the present structure.

At the present time this department is investigating the advisability of repairing the present structure, or tearing down same and requesting an appropriation for the building of a new bath house.

Respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.
Severally placed on file.

FENCES AT L STREET BATH HOUSE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 20, 1930.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, relative to the building of fences at the new L Street Bath House. This is in reply to your order of September 29, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, October 8, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I have an order from the City Council requesting that the proper fences be constructed at the new L Street Bath House.

Permit me to assure you that the department always sees to it that the proper type of construction on building fences, etc., is carried out.

Respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

Placed on file.

SPOFFORD ROAD EXTENSION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 20, 1930.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, regarding your request to extend Spofford road. This is in reply to your order of October 6, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, October 10, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I am in receipt of an order from the City Council that the Park Commission be requested to extend Spofford road to the main roadway of Commonwealth avenue by means of a road crossing the street car reservation.

The Board of Park Commissioners feel that an additional crossing at this location is not advisable on account of public safety. The present arrangement on this boulevard, with its center roadway free from frequent vehicular crossings, is conducive of a free and uninterrupted flow of travel along this boulevard. It is also conducive of rapid transit by surface car trails, both of which methods of travel the public is continually clamoring for and requests that they be kept free from interruption tending to cause delay as would be occasioned if added crossings were allowed.

It would also increase grade-crossing dangers and also means additional dangers to operators of motor vehicles.

There is no doubt that it would be a convenience to some, but the question arises, will the added convenience offset for the additional dangers and delays? In the opinion of the Board, it would not.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

Placed on file.

REPORT FROM OVERSEERS OF PUBLIC WELFARE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 10, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I beg to forward herewith communications received from the Overseers of the Public Welfare, the same constituting a reply to order adopted by your honorable body under date of September 8, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Overseers of the Public Welfare,
October 8, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—The Board of Overseers of the Public Welfare respectfully submits the following report in connection with the order adopted by the City Council on September 8, 1930.

The Board of Overseers of the Public Welfare at its regular meeting held on Wednesday, September 10, 1930, considered the statements which recently appeared in the press to the effect that it had been stated before your honorable body that the overseers require men receiving aid to accept work digging clams, or be denied further consideration for aid.

The Board desires to reply that any such charge is entirely unfounded in fact.

For reasons which you will readily understand and sympathize with the Board does not publicly discuss the names or facts concerning persons in the receipt of aid.

After very careful consideration of this subject, however, the Board feels convinced that the information furnished to a member of the Council was inaccurate and was not made in fairness to the Board or to the councilor to whom made.

Copy of a letter received at this office from one of the men to whom the job of digging clams was offered, is inclosed herewith for your consideration since it does in fact furnish an accurate statement of the method employed in the department with reference to the subject in point.

Respectfully yours,
WALTER V. MCCARTHY,
Secretary.

September 9, 1930.

Mr. Murphy.

Dear Sir,—I have just finished reading an article in the Boston Post in regards to the clam digging proposition. It seems to me that this attack has been unwarranted. Being one of these men I know.

In the first instance the most of these men volunteered for the job. And second I can remember quite well that you instructed me and others that our aid would not be jeopardized and all that was required was to try the job at once. I personally did that and found out I could not make a go of it.

Instead of condemning the Public Welfare I think it should come in for a break in the praise end of it. From what I can observe it strikes me that all men and persons connected with the Public Welfare are doing a good job and thousands of people really know and believe it.

Yours truly,
ROBERT M. THOMPSON,
4 Wolcott Court,
Readville, Mass.

Placed on file.

TRANSFERS WITHIN DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 20, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the attached requests for transfers within departmental appropriations, and respectfully recommend adoption of the accompanying orders.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Assessing Department:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Assessors, First Assistant, 47 at \$1,700 a year, \$214; Assessors, Second Assistant, 18 (24) at \$5 a day, \$37; Clerks, 2 at \$2,200 a year, \$212; Clerks, 8 at \$2,100 a year, \$95; Clerks, 4 at \$2,000 a year, \$907; Clerks and Stenographers, 2 at \$1,500—\$1,600 a year, \$535, to the appropriation for B-28, Expert, \$2,000.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Clerks and Stenographers, 2 at \$1,500—\$1,600 a year, \$374; Clerk, 1 at \$1,400—\$1,500 a year, \$100; Clerk, 1 at \$1,300—\$1,400 a year, \$76, to the appropriation for D-11, Motor Vehicle, \$550:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Clerks, 4 at \$1,800 a year, \$160, to the appropriation for A-3, Unassigned, \$160.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Clerk, 1 at \$1,600 a year, \$49; Clerk, 1 at \$1,200 (\$1,600) a year, \$67; Clerk, 1 at \$1,000—\$1,100 a year, \$34, to the appropriation for B-14, Motor Vehicle, Repairs and Care, \$150.

From the appropriation for D-1, Office, \$260, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Clerks, 5 at \$1,900 a year, \$260.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriation for Hospital Department:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Physician, 1 at \$2,500—\$2,700 a year, \$1,000; Nurses, Graduate, 117 (147) at \$65 to \$140 a month, \$5,000; Nurses, Undergraduate, 300 at \$100 to \$200 a year, \$4,000, to the appropriation for A-2, Temporary Employees, \$10,000.

From the appropriation for C-7, Furniture and Fittings, \$2,800, to the appropriation for B-5, Cartage and Freight, \$100; C-10, Library, \$50; C-13, Tools and Instruments, \$500; D-4, Forage and Animal, \$150; E-1, Building, \$1,000; E-10, Electrical, \$1,000.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Hospital Department, Sanatorium Division:

From the appropriation for E-9, Machinery, \$350, to the appropriation for C-2, Machinery, \$350.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Pathologist, 1 at \$2,500 a year, \$411.11, to the appropriation for A-2, Temporary Employees, \$400; A-1, Permanent Employees, Superintendent, Assistant, 1 at \$4,000 a year, \$11.11.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Market Department:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Laborers and Watchman, 4 at \$5 a day, \$75, to the appropriation for A-3, Unassigned, \$75.

From the appropriation for B-4, Transportation of Persons, \$15, to the appropriation for B-13, Communication, \$15.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Mayor, Office Expenses:

From the appropriation for C-3, Incidentals, \$500, to the appropriation for B-13, Communication, \$500.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Public Works Department, Water Division:

From the appropriation for A-3, Unassigned, \$7,500, to the appropriation for A-2, Temporary Employees, \$7,500.

From the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, \$2,300, to the appropriation for B-42, Repairing Streets, etc., \$1,000; C-14, Livestock, \$1,300.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Suffolk County Court-house, Custodian:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Cleaners, 15 at \$18 a week, \$100, to the appropriation for A-2, Temporary Employees, \$100.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Superior Court, Criminal Session:

From the appropriation for Permanent Employees, A-1, Clerks, 2 (1) at \$1,200 a year, \$201,

to the appropriation for Permanent Employees, A-1, Clerks, 3 (4) (3) (4) at \$1,500 a year, \$1; C-9, Office, \$200.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Land Court:

From the appropriation for B-29, Stenographic, Copying, Indexing, \$35, to the appropriation for C-10, Library, \$35.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Medical Examiner Service, Northern Division:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Secretary, 1 at \$2,400 a year, \$400, to the appropriation for A-2, Temporary Employees, \$400.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Penal Institutions Department, Office Expenses:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Chief Clerk, 1 at \$3,500 a year, \$1,110.77, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Stenographer and Clerk, 1 at \$3,500 a year, \$1,110.77.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

TERCENTENARY AND LEGION PARADES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 20, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—The expenses in connection with roping off streets for the Tercentenary and Legion parades could not be determined in advance. For this reason, no specific appropriation was included in the budget. It now becomes necessary to make a transfer to cover the bills incurred for this purpose.

I submit, herewith, an order providing for transfer of \$6,500 from the Reserve Fund to the item in the City Council budget under which these bills will be paid.

I respectfully recommend adoption of this order.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Reserve Fund, \$6,500, to the appropriation for City Council, G-3, Incidentals, Flags, Ropes, etc., \$6,500.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and severally referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Francesco Albano, for refund on pool table license.

F. E. Bryant, for compensation for damage to truck by city wagon.

Clara E. Corkum, for compensation for damage to property at 5 Lasell street, West Roxbury, caused by laying out sewer.

Rachel Davis, for compensation for damage to property at 75 Bromley street, Roxbury, caused by city truck.

Isabel Derby, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at West Concord street and Shawmut avenue.

Angela M. Dorsey, for compensation for damage to property at 6 Arborough road, Roslindale, caused by regrading of street.

Mildred G. Haffer, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Humboldt avenue.

Frederick Horan, for compensation for damage to car commandeered by police.

Robert R. Lasker, for compensation for damage to car caused by defective bridge between Hyde Park and Mattapan.

Susan McCravin, for compensation for injuries caused by police motorcycle.

Margaret E. McLaughlin, for compensation for collapse of water boiler at 42 Pierce avenue, Dorchester, caused by water shut off.

Dr. A. J. McLean, for compensation for damage to property at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, caused by break in water main.

Henry K. Meissner, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Heath street and South Huntington avenue.

Metropolitan Theater, for refund on unused refuse tickets.

Anna E. Mullen, for compensation for injuries caused by car of Public Works Department.

Mrs. Catherine Murphy, for compensation for injuries to daughter caused by an alleged defect in Whitney street.

Mary E. O'Brien, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in North Harvard and Cambridge streets.

Floyd N. Olsen, for compensation for damage to clothing caused by an alleged defect in Stuart and Eliot streets.

Louis Oppenheim, for compensation for damage to property at 737 Morton street, caused by firemen.

John P. and Sarah G. Pearle, for compensation for damage to property at 5 Leslie park, caused by defective catch-basins.

Mrs. L. Segal, for refund on unused refuse tickets.

Charlotte Sheket, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 845 Beacon street.

Joseph W. White, for compensation for damage to clothing caused by an alleged defect at Tremont and Boylston streets.

Simon Wiener, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 1569 Columbus avenue.

A. L. Wolfe, for refund on unused refuse tickets.

Special Committee on Jitney Licenses.

Petitions of Boston Elevated Railway to operate motor vehicles as follows:

Between Somerville-Boston line at Cambridge street and junction of Carter and Cambridge streets, over Cambridge street, Stark street, Roland street, Carter street, Cambridge street.

Between Bowdoin square and Massachusetts Station over Bowdoin square, Cambridge street, Charles street, Boylston street, Hereford street, Newbury street, Boylston street.

Executive.

Petition of Boston Elevated Railway for license to operate motor vehicles between Governor square and the junction of Park and Tremont streets (Park Street Station), over Beacon street, Massachusetts avenue, Boylston street, Tremont street, to be operated between the hours of 1.30 a. m. and 4.50 a. m. in connection with the work of construction of the Governor square extension.

APPROVAL OF CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The constables' bonds of Joseph Coviello and Spiros Kaliris, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, were received and approved.

BOSTON ELEVATED LOCATION.

Notice was received from the Board of Street Commissioners of extension of time to Boston Elevated Railway on 72d location, viz., double track in Harvard avenue, Brighton.

Placed on file.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Coun. MAHONEY, for the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, submitted report recommending passage of order for payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the City of Boston for the month of October, 1930.

Report accepted; said order passed.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS PAY ROLL.

The pay roll of the Registry of Deeds, for the period from October 1 to October 15, 1930, amounting to \$4,708.50, was received and approved.

AMENDMENT TO LIGHT FUEL OIL BURNER REGULATIONS.

A communication was received from the State Fire Marshal in reference to amendment to light fuel oil burner regulations.
Placed on file.

NOTICE OF INTEREST IN CONTRACT.

Notice was received from Joseph A. Tomasello, a member of the Board of Appeal, of his interest in contract of A. G. Tomasello & Son, Inc., with City of Boston for constructing rock garden in Franklin Park.
Placed on file.

ORDINANCE IN EFFECT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
City Clerk Department, October 18, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—You are hereby notified that under the provisions of section 2 of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, the ordinance concerning the abatement of water charges, recommended by the Mayor and filed with the City Clerk August 18, 1930, not having been rejected or withdrawn within sixty days after said date, was in force on October 18, 1930, as if adopted by the City Council.

Respectfully,
W. J. DOYLE, City Clerk.

Placed on file.

LOAN ORDER IN EFFECT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
City Clerk Department, October 18, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—You are hereby notified that under the provisions of section 2 of chapter 486 of the Acts of 1909, the loan order of \$50,000 for Power Plant, Long Island Hospital, Alterations and Improvements, recommended by the Mayor and filed with the City Clerk August 18, 1930, not having been rejected or withdrawn within sixty days after said date, was in force on October 18, 1930, as if adopted by the City Council.

Respectfully,
W. J. DOYLE, City Clerk.

Placed on file.

MINORS' LICENSES.

President LYNCH presented report on petitions for licenses of fifty newsboys and nineteen vendors, recommending that licenses be granted.
Approved by the Council.

STATE ELECTION.

Coun. LYNCH offered the following:
Ordered, That meetings of the citizens of this city, qualified to vote for state officers, be held at the several polling places designated for the purpose by the Board of Election Commissioners, on Tuesday, the fourth day of November, 1930, for the election of Governor, Lieutenant-Governor, State Secretary, State Treasurer, State Auditor, Attorney-General, Senator in Congress, Representatives in Congress, Councilors, Senators in the General Court, Representatives in the General Court, District Attorney, Register of Probate and Insolvency; also to give in their votes "yes" or "no" on the following questions:

Question No. 1.—Proposed Amendment to the Constitution.

Shall an amendment to the constitution relative to the apportionment of senatorial, representative and councilor districts, further described as follows:

The proposed amendment of the Constitution provides for the annulment of Article XXI of the Articles of Amendment of the Constitution and the substitution thereof of a new Article

XXI, and for the annulment of Article XXII of the Articles of Amendment of the Constitution and the substitution thereof of a new Article XXII. The proposed amendment embodies in substance the following changes in and additions to said Articles XXI and XXII:

1. In proposed Article XXI, towns of twelve thousand inhabitants or more may be divided in forming representative districts. No precincts, however, in such towns may be divided. In taking the census the special enumeration of legal voters shall specify the number residing in each precinct of such towns. Under existing Amendment XXI no town may be divided and no specification of the number of voters in a precinct is required.

2. The division of a county into representative districts and the apportionment of representatives to districts therein is to be made by "The county commissioners or other body acting as such or, in lieu thereof, such board of special commissioners in each county as may for that purpose be provided by law. . . ." Under Article XXI as it now stands the division and apportionment is made by "The mayor and aldermen of the city of Boston, the county commissioners of other counties than Suffolk,—or in lieu of the mayor and aldermen of the city of Boston, or of the county commissioners in each county other than Suffolk, such board of special commissioners in each county, to be elected by the people of the county, or of the towns therein, as may for that purpose be provided by law. . . ." The time for assembling of such commissioners, board or body for the purpose of making such division and apportionment is also changed, from the first Tuesday of August next after each assignment by the Legislature of the number of representatives to each county, to a time within thirty days after certification by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to such commissioners, board or body of the number so assigned, or within such other period as the General Court may by law provide.

3. Under the proposed articles, each special enumeration shall be the basis for determining the districts, senatorial, representative and councilor, for the ten-year period beginning in the fourth January following said special enumeration and the present division of districts is to remain in effect until January, 1939. Under the existing amendments the ten-year period is the period between the taking of each census. (Thus, the next redivision based upon the next census in 1935 would, under the proposed articles, affect those elected in 1938 to hold office beginning in January, 1939, instead of affecting those elected in 1936 to hold office beginning in January, 1937. Under existing amendments representation of newly created districts begins in January of the second year after each ten-year census, whereas under the proposed article it would begin in January of the fourth year thereafter.) The number of representatives (240), senators (40) and councilors (8) is not changed.

4. The Legislature may limit the time within which a division of representative, councilor or senatorial districts may be questioned by judicial proceedings. The existing amendments contain no provision that itself limits or authorizes the Legislature to limit such time.

which received in a joint session of the two Houses held May 17, 1928, 182 votes in the affirmative and 48 in the negative, and at a joint session of the two Houses held May 26, 1930, received 155 votes in the affirmative and 88 in the negative, be approved?

Question No. 2.—Law Proposed by Initiative Petition.

Shall the proposed law which amends the General Laws by striking out chapter 138, section 2A, which section provides that, "No person shall manufacture, transport by air craft, water craft or vehicle, import or export spirituous or intoxicating liquor as defined by section three, or certain non-intoxicating beverages as defined by section one, unless in each instance he shall have obtained the permit or other authority required therefor by the laws of the United States and the regulations made thereunder," which law was disapproved in the House of Representatives by a vote of 110 in the negative and in the Senate by a vote of 11 in the affirmative and 26 in the negative, be approved?

Question No. 3.—Law Proposed by Initiative Petition.

Shall the proposed law which amends General Laws, chapter 131, by inserting therein a new section

number 59A, which in substance makes it a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of fifty dollars for any person to use, set or maintain any trap or other device for the capture of fur-bearing animals which is likely to cause continued suffering to an animal caught therein and which is not designed to kill the animal at once or take it alive unharmed, except traps or other devices for protection against vermin, set or maintained within fifty yards of any building or cultivated plot of land to the use of which the presence of vermin may be detrimental, which law was disapproved in the Senate by a vote of 12 in the affirmative and 24 in the negative, and in the House of Representatives by a vote of 48 in the affirmative and 167 in the negative, be approved?

Question No. 4.

Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and thirty, entitled, "An Act relative to the salaries of the members of the city council of the city of Boston" be accepted?

Also to indicate by a cross which one of the following plans he desires to have adopted, viz.:

Plan No. 1.—Return to the Boston Elevated Railway Company of the management and operation of its railway system by terminating public management and operation thereof.

Plan No. 2.—Continuation of public management and operation of the Boston Elevated Railway Company in accordance with such terms and conditions as may be agreed to by the stockholders of said company.

Plan No. 3.—Purchase by the Metropolitan Transit District (which comprises the cities of Boston, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Newton, Revere and Somerville and the towns of Arlington, Belmont, Brookline, Milton and Watertown), of the whole assets, property and franchises of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, the same thereafter to be owned, managed and operated by said district.

The polls at said meetings shall be opened at six o'clock a. m. and closed at eight o'clock p. m.

Ordered, That the City Clerk be hereby directed to give notice of said meetings according to law.

Passed under a suspension of the rules.

Ordered, That the provisions of sections 55, 56 and 57 of chapter 54 of the General Laws be, and hereby are, suspended and made inapplicable as to the several questions to be voted upon at the State Election to be held on November 4, 1930.

Passed under a suspension of the rules.

Ordered, That the expense of advertising the notice of the State Election, November 4, 1930, by the City Clerk be charged to the Reserve Fund.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

Coun. ARNOLD.—Mr. President, I would respectfully call up under Nos. 13 and 14 on the calendar, under unfinished business, the names of William F. Kelleher and Thomas A. McKenna, for confirmation at this time.

Coun. FITZGERALD.—Mr. President, also under No. 14 I would like to have the name of Hammond T. Fletcher taken up.

Coun. RUBY.—Mr. President, might I call the attention of the two councilors, in the absence of Councilor Wilson, chairman of the Committee on Constables, to the fact that he likes to feel, or the committee likes to feel, that a proper questionnaire has been made out by every applicant for the position of constable, and I also suggest to the councilors that the taking up of these names be held over until Councilor Wilson arrives, so that he may ascertain whether answers to the questionnaires have been submitted by these men.

Coun. ARNOLD.—Mr. President, in regard to the two names that I asked to have taken up, I happen to know that they have been submitted.

Late in the session Coun. ARNOLD said:

Mr. President, I would like to renew my motion, made earlier in the session,—as the chairman of the Committee on Constables is now here,—that the names of William F. Kelleher and Thomas A. McKenna, in Nos. 13 and 14, respectively, be taken up and voted on at this time.

Coun. WILSON.—Mr. President, I would move that the name of McKenna stay where it is, in view of the fact that, as a matter of courtesy to the councilor from the Back Bay, we have been endeavoring to have affidavits filed in answer to

questionnaires, by the different candidates, and I would like to find out whether Mr. McKenna has complied with the requirements. It may be that the paper has arrived, but Mr. Baldwin cannot find it up to the present time. Until he does, I would move to amend the motion of Mr. Arnold to this effect, that we take up the names of Louis N. Kaiser, in No. 12, William F. Kelleher, in No. 13, Hammond T. Fletcher, in No. 14, and Samuel Weiner, in No. 14. McKenna and Grossman do not appear to have filed any return. If they have, the names can be taken up later.

President LYNCH.—Does the gentleman accept the amendment?

Coun. ARNOLD.—Yes. I shall renew the motion after recess, however.

The question came on confirmation of appointment as constable of Louis N. Kaiser, in No. 12, William F. Kelleher, in No. 13, and Hammond T. Fletcher and Samuel Weiner, in No. 14. Committee, Coun. Hein and Arnold. Whole number of ballots 13, yeas 13, and the appointments were confirmed.

President LYNCH called up No. 1 on the calendar, viz.:

1. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor October 6, 1930, of Frances Gallagher, to be a Weigher of Coal, and Abram L. Smith, to be a Weigher of Goods.

The question came on confirmation. Committee, Coun. Hein and Arnold. Whole number of ballots 13, yeas 13, and the appointments were confirmed.

SIDEWALK ON MONKS STREET.

Coun. MAHONEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Monks street, west side, from East Sixth street to East Seventh street, Ward 6, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ELECTION RETURNS.

Coun. MAHONEY offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Messenger be directed to make arrangements for receiving election returns on the day of the State Election, and that Room 49 be opened on the evening of said day for the announcement of the returns, the expense attending the same to be charged to the appropriation for City Council, G-3, Election Returns.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ELMWOOD STREET PAVING.

Coun. GLEASON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth pavement Elmwood street, from King to Roxbury streets, Ward 9.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RELIEF OF UNEMPLOYMENT.

Coun. DOWD offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to include in the budget for 1931 the sum of one million dollars to be used for the relief of unemployment, such sum to be in addition to the amounts provided for the Overseers of the Public Welfare and the Soldiers' Relief Department.

Coun. DOWD.—Mr. President, for two years the members of this Council have voted consistently to accomplish whatever might be done to relieve unemployment, but despite that fact we find not only in the City of Boston but throughout the nation that unemployment is more rampant than ever before in the history of our country. I say to the members of the City Council, I say to the Mayor of Boston, that something definite and positive should be undertaken at the present time to ensure the protection and the happiness of the citizens of Boston during the coming winter.

months. The President of the nation has appointed committee upon committee to solve this situation; the Mayor of Boston has appointed committees, other committees have been appointed in other parts of the country. But nothing tangible or definite has been done to relieve the unemployment situation, and suffering continues more and more each and every day. I say the only solution of the unemployment situation in Boston is the appropriation of money by the city government in order to set the example, to be followed, we trust, by the appropriation of money for the same purpose by private individuals and industrial and mercantile concerns. I say that we can use a million dollars outside of the Soldiers' Relief Department and outside of the Public Welfare Department. It might mean a small increase in the tax rate, but if the luxury items are cut from the budget of 1931 it will not mean a large increase; and, if it should mean an increase, I say the taxpayers and property owners are willing to stand the increase in order to provide for the needs of the citizens of our city. Chicago has seen fit up to the present time to appropriate through public subscription and public spirited support by citizens \$12,000,000, Cleveland, \$6,000,000, New York City \$1,000,000. I read in the papers yesterday about opening the jails in order to house people. I say to the Council and to the Mayor of Boston, where are the poor unfortunates going to sleep this winter if we do not take some sort of a stand and make a provision for them? Now is the time to do it. A million dollars is not a lot of money when it comes to placing a number of men at work for three or four months, removing the ashes and garbage in the City of Boston, doing it regularly and reasonably, frequently, instead of waiting two or three weeks. I hope the Mayor, in his wisdom, will see fit to go over the budget of 1931, cutting from it the luxury items and putting in there \$1,000,000 for the hiring of unemployed in this city, possibly 2,000 men.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

Coun. DOWD offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to appoint a committee of business, industrial and labor leaders of the City of Boston to consider the advisability of raising, by popular subscription, the sum of two million dollars, said sum to be applied to the relief of the present acute and unprecedented unemployment situation, and to be placed at the disposal of the said committee, which shall be held strictly accountable to his Honor the Mayor for its proper disbursement.

Coun. DOWD—This order, Mr. President, suggests that the Mayor of Boston appoint a committee to consider the possibility of raising \$2,000,000 by public subscription, through the business men of Boston. I daresay there is not a city in the entire country which has men of more prominence and wealth than this city of ours, and I say if the City of Boston shows the right spirit by appropriating one million dollars, there is no real reason why the people of Boston who have the money should not appoint a committee of citizens to raise two million dollars by subscription, making altogether three million dollars, to be used to care for the poor and unemployed during the coming winter.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

COMMITTEE ON UNEMPLOYMENT.

Coun. DOWD offered the following:

Ordered, That the President of the Boston City Council be, and hereby is, authorized to appoint a committee of five members of the Council to study the unemployment situation in Boston with a view of arriving at some means of relief, said committee to be empowered to summons any individuals whose testimony or aid they may require.

Referred to the Committee on Rules.

POWERS OF COUNCIL IN RE PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

Coun. DONOVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel inform the City Council relative to its powers with reference to the Public Welfare Department.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, as a member of this board for the last five years I have continuously voted for the appropriation in the budget for the Overseeing of the Poor Department. While our powers are, I believe, somewhat limited by statute, I would like to know at this time what our powers really are in reference to that department. I don't want to know who personally is receiving the doles in our city, but I do want to know how the money that has been appropriated by the City of Boston, the three million dollars, has been allocated. We continually ask the Overseers of the Poor Department to take care of some of the poor in our districts, and we continuously hear the same old story, "We can do nothing." In giving out the dole, it seems to me cases should be dealt with differently, according to circumstances, that more should be given in one case than in another. So that we may know just what our position is, I am asking the Corporation Counsel as to our rights and our jurisdiction over that amount of money. I would like to know to what extent they are willing to go with the members of the City Council, working with them in harmony to secure the proper dole for the unfortunates of our districts.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

WARD 16 IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. FISH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Lenoxdale avenue, Ward 16, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to include in its budget for 1931 a sum sufficient to provide for the erection of a locker building and bleachers on the Mary Hemenway Playground, Ward 16.

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to include in its budget for 1931 a sum sufficient to provide for the purchase of additional shore property to sufficiently enlarge the bathing area at Tenean Beach, and for the necessary grading, sanding, etc.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

REPAVING OF ROBINSON STREET.

Coun. KELLY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Robinson street, Ward 15.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS, WARD 15.

Coun. KELLY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to set up two slow signs on Richfield street, Ward 15, one at Barry street and Richfield, the other at Puritan avenue and Richfield, as a means of protection for the many children who cross at these intersections.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

DISPLAY OF AMERICAN FLAG.

Coun. RUBY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Election Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to display the American Flag at each polling place on Election Day.

Coun. RUBY—Mr. President, there is, in my opinion, no place more important to display the American Flag than where the citizenry of Boston are gathered to cast their ballots for elective offices of this city and state. On all the public buildings the superintendents are instructed on certain proper occasions to display the American Flag, and I believe the citizenry of Boston, when they go to the polling places, ought also to be impressed with the importance of the public duty they are performing, by seeing displayed in the polling

place the American Flag. I ask a suspension of the rule and the passage of the order.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION.

Coun. ENGLERT offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Washington street, both sides, from Glen road to Lotus place, Ward 11, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Highland street, both sides, from Centre street to Cedar street, Ward 11, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK ON ELMWOOD STREET.

Coun. GLEASON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Elmwood street, both sides, from King street to Roxbury street, Ward 9, in front of the estates bordering thereon, said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

WORK ON EAST BOSTON TUNNEL.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Transit Commission, through his Honor the Mayor, be, and said Commission hereby is, respectfully requested to advise the City Council with reference to the probability of early actual work on the East Boston Tunnel.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, with reference to that last order, I heard, as I was entering the chamber, what Councilor Dowd said in reference to unemployment conditions in the city and elsewhere, and I cannot fail to have in mind that in the closing days of the last administration one of the chief arguments in favor of the \$16,000,000 to be appropriated for the East Boston Tunnel was that it would help alleviate unemployment conditions. So I think now, after the passage of many months, the Council is entitled to be enlightened on the question of whether any men are to be put at work there before the average unemployed man in the City of Boston drops dead while he is waiting for a job. I think possibly some information may be available at this time as to what is proposed, either in the matter of actual digging or possible demolition of buildings, or as to the plans for putting men at work in some way.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

SCHOOL STREET, DORCHESTER.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works, through his Honor the Mayor, be respectfully requested to resurface School street, Dorchester, from Harvard street to Washington street, particularly having in mind the fact that two large schools are located on said street.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

BRANCH STREET, WARD 17.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners as part of the 1931 street program, lay out and accept Branch street, Ward 17, from Medway street to Butler street.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

IMPROVEMENTS AT SAVIN HILL BEACH.

Coun. McGRATH offered the following:

Ordered, That the sum of forty thousand dollars be, and the same is, hereby appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commission, for the construction of a combination locker building and bath house at Savin Hill Beach, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

RECESS.

The Council voted at 2.48 p. m., on motion of Coun. ENGLERT, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by President LYNCH at 3.35 p. m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. MAHONEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and orders for transfers within departmental appropriations (referred today)—that same ought to pass.

Report on message of Mayor and appropriation of \$6,500 for expenses in connection with roping off streets for Tercentenary and Legion parades—that same ought to pass.

Reports severally accepted; orders passed, yeas 17, nays 0.

2. Report on petition of the Boston Elevated Railway (referred today) for license to operate motor vehicles between Governor square and Park Street Station, between hours of 1.30 a. m. and 4.50 a. m.—that license be granted.

Report accepted; said license granted.

TRANSFER ORDERS AND LEASE.

President LYNCH called up under unfinished business, Nos. 2, 3 and 4 on the calendar, viz.:

2. Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Columbus Park, Improvements, \$96,400.57, to the appropriation for Columbus Park and Strandway Improvements, etc., \$96,400.57.

On September 29, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 20, nays 0.

3. Ordered, That the sum of fifty thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Works, for the construction of granolithic sidewalks, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

On September 29, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 20, nays 0.

4. Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be hereby authorized to execute and deliver in the name and behalf of the City of Boston a lease to the Bunker Hill Post, No. 26, of the American Legion, in form satisfactory to the Law Department of the City of Boston, the Jacob Foss Schoolhouse, so called, on Chestnut street in the Charlestown district, together with the adjoining land at the corner of Chestnut street and Adams street, at an annual rental of one dollar (\$1) per year for a term of five years.

And it is further ordered, That the said lessee pay all water rates and furnish at its own expense all heat and light for the said leased premises.

On September 21, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 20, nays 0.

President LYNCH If there is no objection, the orders will be voted upon collectively.

The orders were severally given their second reading and passage, yeas 19, nays 0.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RULES.

Coun. RUBY, for Coun. Donovan, for the Committee on Rules, submitted the following:

1. Report on order (referred today) for appointment of special committee of five members to consider the unemployment situation,—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

President LYNCH appointed as said committee Councilors Dowd, Fitzgerald, Hein, Green and Wilson.

UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION.

Coun. FITZGERALD offered the following:

Ordered, That the Governor and Council be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to suspend the civil service rules during the present period of unemployment in order that temporary appointments may be made in the city service without the approval of the Civil Service Commission, said appointments in any case not to exceed ninety days. Said rules to apply only to laborers and mechanics in any branch of the city service.

Coun. FITZGERALD—Mr. President, previous to the appointment of the present chairman of the Board of Civil Service Commissioners, cities and towns were allowed to appoint men for periods of thirty, sixty and ninety days without resorting to the civil service list, in cases of emergency, times like the present, when we see the worst unemployment situation that has existed for many years. It is within the province of the Governor and Council to suspend the civil service rules. They are not laws, but rules, and there is no time better than the present to help out, so far as it is possible to do so, in the unemployment situation. As has already been suggested earlier in the season, there are many times in the Sanitary Service and in the other services of the Public Works Department and other departments, when temporary labor can be put on in times of distress, except for these rules. There is no reason, under the circumstances, why there should not be such a suspension. The Governor and Council have that power. The last Legislature passed a law giving the right to suspend the rules for ninety days in the case of those with dependents. But it didn't really relieve the unemployment situation, because in many cases men taken from the list were already employed, were in positions where they were drawing good salaries and were simply seeking the opportunity to do additional work for the city. They were in some cases instructed by men in politics to "take the temporary job, and we will make it permanent." in some cases they gave up a permanent job and lost out, but in many cases there were people appointed who simply were looking for a chance to make a little extra money, people already in employment. That is one of the curses we have today, the so-called "rackets," places being filled by people who are already drawing one, two or three salaries, while others are walking the streets with nothing to do; just as there are men at the present time receiving amounts for 100 per cent disability, and then taking different jobs around, while others are walking the streets absolutely without employment. It is a crime, Mr. President. We see men who are middle-aged, with a look of sadness on their faces, too proud to beg, too proud to ask for relief from the Overseers of Public Welfare, many of whom have seen better days, and who have children suffering with hunger, while they themselves are walking the streets without a job and others with jobs are enjoying these "rackets." Now is the opportunity for us to start something here, to stir matters up with the Mayor and the Governor, appealing to the Governor to open his great heart and, himself and his Council, to suspend the rules. Every day no doubt there are sixty or seventy men who stay away from their jobs with the Public Works Department, who are not on duty by reason of sickness and one thing and another, do not report, and if such action as is proposed here is taken, men can be put on temporarily in their place. I know of many cases where there is that opportunity and where at the present time they cannot put such men on, but simply have to appeal to the civil service, which sometimes involves a delay of three or four weeks in order to get a lift. Now is the time for such action as is proposed here. Now is the time for the Governor and the Mayor to act. It is all right for highbrows to meet at the Parker House and

other places and discuss these matters, but what do the highbrows know about the poor? What do they know about people in the section where I live, the people in Charlestown, people in Roxbury and South Boston. Some of us always have the poor with us in our sections, and here an opportunity suggests itself to do something for them. There are always cases of men who do not report for duty at certain times, and on such occasions these men can be given some work. I tell you, Mr. President, the time has arrived when something has got to be done besides talking. The situation makes me sick. Here we are, members of this City Council, trustees of the city, who are not even consulted on any of these matters today. I had the same order to introduce that was introduced by the councilor from Roxbury (Coun. Dowd). We are trustees of this city, Mr. President, and we are ignored. On the street corners and other places where men meet us they say the City Council are a lot of beggars, not even being consulted on these matters where they should be consulted. Let us have some gumption. We at least have the power to appropriate, and it is the appropriating power that makes the mare go in this city. Why should the Council surrender its rights? Of course, the Mayor is the executive, but we also have our duties as a part of the city government, and we are totally ignored. We vote for appropriations and are then given no consideration by the heads of departments; and yet these men come in and we pass ordinances increasing their salaries. In return, what do we get? I say that people are getting restive all over the city, and have been so for the last year. We appropriate \$100,000 for a great celebration, and hundreds are put to work. A lot of fourflushers and fashion plates are put to work, while these poor fellows are walking the streets. I say that the City Council should have been called upon and given the right to see that their constituents were properly taken care of. We have hundreds of men clamoring at our doors continually. It is all right for these men who occupy comfortable positions and who are living on the fat of the land, but the time will come when the wheel will turn. Those who are up today will be down tomorrow. When those lists come down from the civil service, the heads of departments should be forced to find out if those men who seek employment are engaged in other employment, and I say that the members of the City Council have a right to be considered in the matter. We deal with these men every day, we know what their conditions are, what their needs are. But some of the others who get these jobs are driven up to City Hall in automobiles. The time was when such men would have been driven out when they were seeking for employment, when they did not deserve it. That was in the days of party organization. But there is no party organization today, Democratic or Republican, and men are building up their own personal machines. We are the ones that will suffer, and we should be held to answer. It is for your interest, members of this body, to try to do something in this matter, because these men come and go, and statistics go on forever. Let us try to do something for the deserving people in our district. They cannot hide behind this civil service provision because it is a law. It is not a law; it is a rule. Down to the time of the present chairman of the Civil Service Commissioners the matter was in their power; they had this right. If this rule can be temporarily suspended, there will be an opportunity at times, as I say, for 100 or 200 men to be put to work in this manner, where opportunities afford themselves, and we want to see to it, if possible, that men shall not be put to work unless they really need it and are in dire want.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I have sympathy with what the gentleman from Ward 3 (Coun. Fitzgerald) has said, but I fail to follow the line of argument that a change of rules will create work. It seems to me the manner to put hundreds of men at work is to take hold of projects such as Governor square and the East Boston Tunnel, concerning which I introduced an order earlier this afternoon. Personally, while I have sympathy with the people of East Boston who are given until December 1 to move, having in mind unemployment conditions, although with perhaps no knowledge of how to run any department of the city as an expert, it would appear to me it was time that the demolition of the buildings on the Boston and East Boston sides should be shortly started, and that it would place hundreds of men

at work, also enabling the later work on the tunnel to be pushed to a more rapid conclusion. It seems to me the way to relieve unemployment is to get at work on city jobs that are already supposed to be under way. I do not believe in wiping out civil service rules and I don't believe that an appeal of this kind for action by the present Governor, appealing to his great heart, or whatever the expression was, will create more work than exists. I do not believe that canceling civil service rules will place men at work. The only way is to create or get under way the job, and in that way get men off the streets, whether under the civil service laws or outside the civil service laws.

Coun. FITZGERALD—Mr. President, the councilor from Dorchester does not probably understand what I was driving at. At the present time, in the West End of Boston, in Roxbury, the South End, Charlestown, East Boston and South Boston, when the men of the Street Cleaning Department are supposed to come out in the morning, there may be fifty men out sick, and that may be the case for a period of three or four days. Under the old way of doing things men would have been put on in their place, but that cannot be done now on account of civil service rules. That is the reason for suspending the rules at a time like this, so that a number of men can be promptly taken care of in connection with the various work. Of course, I don't refer to the Governor square job. That will come under civil service, as it is an entirely different sort of a job. Up to a year ago, men could always be taken care of in such a situation, their jobs being filled for the time being. I have no desire, Mr. President, to break down the civil service laws. I simply want to give the heads of departments the same power they had up to a year ago. The Governor and Council can suspend the rules for the present emergency. But the present chairman of the Civil Service Commission takes the stand that, no matter for how long a time or how short a time a man works, he must come through the civil service. That, under the circumstances, is wrong. Suppose we are trying to get a job for new men—probably it will take two weeks before they can be put on the civil service list. In the meantime, the thing is held up. But if they were put on for thirty days, they would get the work, and the money paid for the services would not be simply held idle in the city treasury. I am merely trying to take care of emergencies, covering employment of thirty days, in no event more than ninety days.

Coun. COX—Mr. President, I am heartily in sympathy with what the councilor from the West End (Coun. Fitzgerald) has said, but it seems to me that, outside of what he has said, the civil service sometimes works a hardship under present conditions. It is not merely the laborer who is out of work. It is the white collar man who is out of work. Then, under the civil service, there is a preference for the Legionnaire, the man who served in wartime. I grant you that he is entitled to consideration, but I have, and you all have living in your districts men, fathers of six, eight or ten children, who cannot get employment because, if they are on the civil service list, they are away down on the list. I certainly think the father of six or eight children is entitled to consideration. I think the civil service is a good thing under certain conditions, but I don't think it always works properly in the present situation. We sometimes hear the laborer referred to, however, as if he were the only man deserving of consideration. But it is not the laborer always, the man who is physically fit to work as a laborer, that is hurt. It is the so-called white-collar man, who is not physically fit to do laboring work. Nothing whatsoever is being done for him. I have earned that today is the first day of the extension of the Boylston Street Subway where the civil service list has been suspended, so that a man could possibly get a job there—a carpenter, for instance. The Governor, being an employer, must know that there are some men suffering who have never applied for civil service rating. But they cannot starve because they could not do so, and they are entitled to consideration. I am in favor of suspending all civil service rules under the present conditions, when there are thousands who need work. I was astounded last winter, when the snow storm came, that men had to come out to West Roxbury to buy a house in order to get a job to shovel snow. They had to walk or ride to West Roxbury to get a card bearing my name, in order to get a job of snow shoveling for three or four hours. I think that is an outrage. I think a man

who needs a job badly enough so that he is willing to shovel snow should not have to go to any councilor for his name in order to get that job. I think the entire civil service should be suspended and that men who need work and who have families should be given the preference.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I would like to have the order re-read, because as I understood it, all civil service rules were to be suspended, and that, I suppose, would indirectly suspend the Veterans' Preference Act of the Legislature. I suppose what is aimed at is merely temporary work, but, if I heard the order aright, it proposed to suspend civil service rules for all jobs. I ask that it be re-read.

The clerk re-read the order.

Coun. COX—Mr. President, I would like to suggest that in order to relieve the unemployment existing, instead of employing men for ninety days, they be given thirty days employment. For example, where you would employ one man for ninety days, three men might be given work for thirty days each. Every little bit under present conditions is going to help. So I think if we are really going to tackle the proposition in the right way, the order should be so amended.

Coun. FITZGERALD—I will agree to that amendment proposed by Coun. Cox, providing for thirty days, Mr. President. I simply want to relieve the present situation, and I will agree to that.

The order was amended by striking out the word "ninety" before "days" and inserting in place thereof "thirty," and adding after "days" the words "at one time," so as to read, "Said appointments in, any case not to exceed thirty days at one time."

Coun. NORTON—Mr. President, I would ask if the councilor from the West End (Coun. Fitzgerald) would consider amending the order so as to give preference to married men with families?

Coun. FITZGERALD—Mr. President, I cannot at present agree to any proposition of the kind. I believe in letting them use their own judgment, and that if we add anything more to the order we will probably lose the effectiveness of the whole proposition.

Coun. NORTON—Mr. President, this is a very important order. I realize that it is the sincere desire of the councilor from the West End to help out in a very important emergency, but it would seem to me that, if we are going to ask the Civil Service Commissioners to suspend the rules, we should make some provision so that those who will receive this temporary work as compensation will be those most needing it. The trouble has been, so far as my experience in the Council shows, that those who get the jobs are not always those who most need them. It is well known that many men around City Hall today who have employment here also serve on these outside positions. As regards preference for veterans, I have always felt that they were entitled to some preference, but certainly not the preference that would give a veteran who has 60 per cent an advantage over another man receiving 99 per cent. It is unfair that such a provision should be still in the laws of the Commonwealth. I think we would all be perfectly willing to give the veteran a certain percentage of advantage, but to say that a veteran who gets a mark of 60 per cent shall take precedence over another man who gets 99 per cent is unfair. Of course, we all want to help the man who is out of work. I myself called attention to the effect of automatic machinery on this question of nonemployment awhile ago. We must all realize the tremendous amount of unemployment that arises from the vastly increased use of machinery. It affords a very grave problem today. There are automatic machines in this country that will do the work of 600,000,000 workers, where we have but 45,000,000. Now, people must earn a living. We all hear the gossip around the Council as to unemployment conditions about us. Never in our lifetimes have we seen such an acute situation as exists today, and perhaps we never will again. It is a matter that touches every home and every town and city in the land. I come from a district where there has always been a tremendous amount of manufacturing. There are out there, among other places, the New York, New Haven & Hartford car shops, which at one time employed 10,000 men. Today there are less than

2,000, and it is entirely probable that within two years they will be shut down. The time has gone by when there was employment for every man. The scientific improvement in machinery in the last ten or fifteen years has done more to eliminate the necessity for human employment than all the advance made in the previous history of the world. That is what is the trouble. Look at the situation in Chicago and Cleveland, as well as in all the other large cities. There they are trying to remedy conditions. Prominent business men in those cities, as well as in Detroit, are getting together to try to alleviate the situation. The Mayor of New York is doing the very same thing, and Governor Rolph of California is getting the business men there to get together this winter and relieve the terrible conditions. When the police started out to take the census in Boston I had a question put in asking whether the wage-earners of the family were out of work. Forty-one thousand reported that they were out of work, and I told the Mayor of Boston that to my mind that meant 100,000, the reason being that the average man would not want to inform the police that he was out of work. There is that human sense of pride and privacy that would prevent a mother or sister from saying that the wage-earner of the family was out of work. So when 41,000 were so reported, it undoubtedly meant that the number was around 100,000. The United States enumerator in the same month went to the same homes in Boston and asked how many reported that they were out of work. It came to pass that a United States enumerator in asking the perfectly plausible question might get a better response than a police enumerator would get, but they reported 24,000 only. I tried to find out why, writing to Miss Barrow of New York State, an authority on social service matters, asking whether it was a common thing for people who were out of work to be unwilling to so report. She said that that was so, and that in cases where they had been promised a job they didn't put themselves down as unemployed. I can see why that might easily be the case. Of course, there are going to be many appeals to relax the civil service law, and I don't know that such relaxation will help unless it is insisted that men who are furnished employment shall not be those who are already holding positions, and unless a provision is made that the most deserving, perhaps those having five or six children, shall take precedence. The trouble today is to find so many professionals on the job. The problem is to give the jobs to those who really need them. Men with children, men with heavy responsibilities, should be first considered, and not the chiselers. Generally, a man out of a job for the first time does not file an application. Therefore, I respectfully ask that consideration and preference be given to married men with children; and, in the event of that not being considered in connection with this order, I will introduce a resolution to that effect.

Coun. GREEN—Mr. President, I don't think we are getting anywhere this afternoon, and I suggest that this order be referred to the special committee just appointed. I think that is the proper place for it. We can then call a meeting of the committee immediately after the meeting of the Council and tomorrow can wait on the Governor, the Civil Service Commissioners and the Mayor of Boston. I think that is about all that can be done. I think the matter should be referred to the special committee.

President LYNCH—The Chair would say that under the rules he intends to refer the order to the special committee.

Coun. KELLY—Mr. President, I disagree with the last councilor in his remarks to the effect that we should shut off further discussion of the unemployment situation by referring this order to that committee. All I have heard since I have taken office is "unemployment," and I heartily agree with the councilor from the West End when he says that the twenty-two men in the Boston City Council, possibly together with the forty-four Representatives and the few Senators from Boston, know more about the unemployment situation from a practical standpoint than many of the people who are trying to be so active in this matter and who are claiming to take such an interest in it.

We know the men who come to our homes, who stop us on the street and tell us stories. We know more about it than the Mayor or than some of these other people who claim to know so much about unemployment. The men come to our houses, and not to theirs and tell their stories to us as public servants. Therefore, we know at first hand about the unemployment situation. These other people are not bothered at their homes at night by the men who are unemployed. I say that the Mayor of Boston is not bothered at his home by people asking for jobs. His telephone is not ringing continually at night. Even when he is leaving here, the elevator is cleared so that no other persons are allowed in it, who may ask him for a job. Certainly such men as the members of this body, the twenty-two councilors, are much more in touch with conditions in the unemployment situation than these others in the community. So I hope we will discuss unemployment until something comes out of the discussion—even if it is a tax on the automatic machines which Clem Norton has told us about. Perhaps those machines might be taxed, giving the money that is so raised over to those men who are unemployed. Something has got to be done, and the more we discuss the matter the more ideas we will get on the subject. So I mean to discuss it, if necessary, having a meeting every day this week and next week until something is done about it.

The order as amended was referred to the Special Committee on Unemployment.

SIDEWALK ON MONTROSE STREET.

Coun. BUSH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Montrose street, both sides, from Warren street to Moreland street, Ward 12, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edge-stones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

WIDENING OF WASHINGTON STREET AND HYDE PARK AVENUE.

Coun. MURRAY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to widen and relocate Washington street and Hyde Park avenue by taking for highway purposes the land bounded by Forest Hills square, Hyde Park avenue, Walk Hill street and Washington street.

Coun. MURRAY—Mr. President, in introducing this order, I do it with a hope that this most important work, to do away with congestion in the City of Boston, will be undertaken. We have out there a very serious situation. On one side is Ward 11 and on the other Ward 19. Where fire apparatus has to come down Hyde Park avenue, it has to go through a very narrow passage to Washington street, passing through the neck of the bottle. If we take land and widen and relocate Washington street and Hyde Park avenue at that point we will then have a proper thoroughfare for the people of that district. Certainly, it is important that something should be done not only for fire apparatus going back and forth but for traffic in general, which is very heavy at that point. Children going to school, for instance, have to come down Hyde Park avenue into Washington street, and they do so at great danger to themselves, going through this small, narrow neck of the bottle at a great deal of risk. If this widening is done, it is going to make it much safer for them to go to and from. This is a thing that is very much needed in our district, and I hope the order will pass.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

REPAVING OF WARD 19 STREETS.

Coun. MURRAY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth pavement Sycamore street, Ward 19.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth pavement Neponset avenue, Ward 19.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL, WARD 10.

Coun. POWER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an automatic traffic signal at the corner of St. Alphonsus and Tremont streets, Ward 10.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

Adjourned, at 4.10 p. m., on motion of Coun. HEIN, to meet on Monday, October 27, 1930, at 2 p. m.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, October 27, 1930.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President LYNCH presiding. Absent, Coun. Fish and Gallagher.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments for the term ending April 30, 1931, viz.:

Constable: William Tepper, 208 Quincy street, Roxbury.

Weighers of Coal: Nicolas Prudente, 8 Sherwood street, Roxbury; Ralph Karas, 7 Kensington park, Roxbury.

Weighers of Goods: Thomas J. Fay, Jr., 26 Rockdale street, Mattapan; Milton Levenson, 57 Radnor road, Brighton.

Severally laid over a week under the law.

INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNAL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 27, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Hon. Joseph A. Conry, Traffic Commissioner, regarding your request to install traffic signal at the corner of St. Alphonsus and Tremont streets. This is in reply to your order of October 20, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, October 24, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I am returning herewith City Council order dated October 20, 1930, which reads as follows:

"Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an automatic traffic signal at the corner of St. Alphonsus and Tremont streets, Ward 10."

You are respectfully informed that proposals have already been invited for establishing such traffic signals at this intersection and bids for the work will be opened on October 28, 1930.

Very truly yours,
JOSEPH A. CONRY, Commissioner.

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BURIAL OF WIRES IN PIERCE AVENUE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 27, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Hon. Edward F. McLaughlin, Fire Commissioner, relative to your request to include Pierce avenue in the program for burying wires in 1931. This is in reply to your order of September 8, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Fire Department, October 2, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—Receipt is acknowledged of the following order from the City Council:

"Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to include Pierce avenue, Ward 16, in his program for burying wires during 1931."

This matter will be taken up with the other requests and will be included in the program.

Yours very truly,
EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN,
Fire Commissioner.

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TRAFFIC OFFICERS AT SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 27, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Eugene C. Hultman, Police Commissioner, regarding your request to station traffic officers at all school buildings during the hours the children are passing to and from school. This is in reply to your order of September 8, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Police Department, September 24, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor,—Your letter of September 20, with inclosure of copy of order adopted by the City Council, that his Honor the Mayor request the Police Commissioner to station traffic officers at all school buildings during the time children are passing to and from school, has been received.

I assure you that this request will be complied with to the fullest extent possible.

Very truly yours,
E. C. HULTMAN,
Police Commissioner.

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SPOT LIGHT, WARD 21.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 27, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Hon. Joseph A. Conry, Traffic Commissioner, relative to your request for a spot light at Commonwealth avenue and Gorham street. This is in reply to your order of October 6, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, October 14, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor,—I am in receipt of your letter dated October 10, with the accompanying order of the City Council asking to have a spot light located at the corner of Commonwealth avenue and Gorham street, Ward 21.

The same mail brings a letter from the manager of the Capitol Theater, which is located in this immediate neighborhood, and he asks that a flood light be installed in front of his theater. Due to the location of the theater there is intense congestion of motor cars in this neighborhood every night.

With your permission I will make a study of this subject, as the installation of these lights should be handled by districts rather than by single locations, also it may be observed that spot lights are for the protection of police officers and might properly be regarded as part of police equipment.

Yours very truly,
JOSEPH A. CONRY, Commissioner.

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SAVIN HILL BEACH.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 27, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, regarding your request for a granolithic walk on Savin Hill Beach. This is in reply to your order of September 29, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, October 8, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I have an order from the City Council requesting that the Park Commission construct a

granolithic walk along the front of Savin Hill Beach, and regret exceedingly to inform you that the department has no funds available for this purpose at the present time.

I shall be very glad to look into the advisability of inserting a sum in the budget of 1931 in order to comply with the Council's request.

Respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

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WORK ON EAST BOSTON TUNNEL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 27, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Thomas F. Sullivan, chairman of the Transit Commission, regarding your request for actual work on the East Boston Tunnel. This is in reply to your order of October 20, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Transit Department, October 21, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—Herewith is returned order of the City Council, dated October 20, 1930, as follows: "Ordered, That the Transit Commission, through his Honor the Mayor, be, and said Commission hereby is, respectfully requested to advise the City Council with reference to the probability of early actual work on the East Boston Tunnel."

In accordance with explicit instructions from you at the time the Traffic Tunnel route was adopted, every possible effort has been made by this department to expedite the commencement of this work.

It is our intention to begin the demolition of some of the houses in East Boston on December 2, as the residents thereof had to have a reasonable time to locate elsewhere.

Yours respectfully,
T. F. SULLIVAN, Chairman.

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SIGNS ON BARRY STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 27, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Hon. Joseph A. Conry, Traffic Commissioner, relative to your request for two signs at Barry street and Puritan avenue. This is in reply to your order of October 20, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, October 24, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I am returning herewith City Council order dated October 20, 1930, which reads as follows:

"Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to set up two "slow" signs on Richfield street, Ward 15, one at Barry street and Richfield, the other at Puritan avenue and Richfield, as a means of protection for the many children who cross at these intersection."

You are respectfully informed that orders have been given to have signs erected as requested by the order of the City Council.

Very truly yours,
JOSEPH A. CONRY, Commissioner.
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MARY HEMENWAY PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 20, 1930.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, relative to your request for the erec-

tion of a locker building and bleachers on the Mary Hemenway Playground. This is in reply to your order of October 20, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, October 22, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I have an order from the City Council that the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to include in its budget for 1931 a sum sufficient to provide for the erection of a locker building and bleachers on the Mary Hemenway Playground, Ward 16.

I respectfully beg leave to inform you that this is not a budget item, but should be in the nature of a loan.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.
Placed on file.

TENEAN BEACH.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 27, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, regarding your request for additional bathing area at Tenean Beach. This is in reply to your order of October 20, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, October 22, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I have an order from the City Council that the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to include in its budget for 1931 a sum sufficient to provide for the purchase of additional shore property to sufficiently enlarge the bathing area at Tenean Beach, and for the necessary grading, sanding, etc.

I respectfully beg leave to inform you that this is not a budget item, but should be in the nature of a loan.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.
Placed on file.

TRANSFERS WITHIN DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 27, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the attached requests for transfers within departmental appropriations, and respectfully recommend adoption of the accompanying orders.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Fire Department:

From the appropriation for B-6, Hire of Teams and Auto Trucks, \$275, to the appropriation for B-4, Transportation of Persons, \$275.

From the appropriation for E-1, Building, \$5,000, to the appropriation for B-14, Motor Vehicle Repairs and Care, \$4,000; E-10, Electrical, \$1,000.

From the appropriation for C-7, Furniture and Fittings, \$1,000, to the appropriation for C-3, Electrical, \$1,000.

From the appropriation for D-1, Office, \$100, to the appropriation for D-2, Food and Ice, \$100.

From the appropriation for C-7, Furniture and Fittings, \$1,000; C-9, Office, \$1,000, to the appropriation for E-13, General Plant, \$2,000.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Park Department:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Telephone Operator and Complaint Clerk, 1 at \$1,700 a year, \$158.46, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Laborers, Mechanics, etc., 333 at \$5 a day, \$158.46.

From the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, \$20,414.61, to the appropriation for Laborers, Mechanics, etc., 333 at \$5 a day, \$12,714.61; B-3, Advertising and Posting, \$100; B-37, Photographic and Blueprinting, \$100; C-13, Tools and Instruments, \$500; D-9, Educational and Recreational, \$600; E-1, Building, \$800; E-10, Electrical, \$100; E-13, General Plant, \$500; G-4, Boston Airport, Maintenance, \$5,000.

From the appropriation for B-6, Hire of Teams and Auto Trucks, \$750, to the appropriation for C-9, Office, \$550; B-14, Motor Vehicle Repairs and Care, \$200.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Chauffeurs, 6 at \$31.50 a week, \$1,283.75, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Custodians, 18 (17) at \$1,900-\$2,000 a year, \$796.21; Engineers and Firemen, 11 at \$41.50 a week, \$487.54.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Engineers, 11 at \$42 a week, \$1,898.50, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Engineers and Firemen, 11 at \$41.50 a week, \$466.29; Matrons, Pianists, etc., 147 at \$22 a week, \$1,432.21.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Foremen, 12 at \$2,100 to \$2,500 a year, \$1,477.62, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Matrons, Pianists, etc., 147 at \$22 a week, \$1,410.51; Laborers, Mechanics, etc., 333 at \$5 a day, \$67.11.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Park Department:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Gardeners, Mechanics, etc., 71 at \$6 a day, \$1,090.50; Gardeners, Mechanics, etc., 64 (63) at \$5.50 a day, \$1,169.75; Physical Instructors, 12 at \$2,200 a year, \$61.47; Subforemen, 4 at \$2,100 a year, \$634.18; Swimming Instructors, 4 at \$1,800-\$1,900 a year, \$2,749.42, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Laborers, Mechanics, etc., 333 at \$5 a day, \$5,705.32.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Park Department, Cemetery Division:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Custodians and Cemetery Keepers, 3 at \$2,000-\$2,100 a year, \$400; Gardeners, Treemen, etc., 15 at \$5.50 a day, \$1,400; Laborers, etc., 42 at \$5 a day, \$2,000, to the appropriation for A-2, Temporary Employees, \$3,800.

From the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, \$1,100, to the appropriation for D-10, Agricultural, \$1,100.

From the appropriation for C-4, Motor Vehicles, \$700, to the appropriation for B-14, Motor Vehicle Repairs and Care, \$700.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Street Laying-Out Department:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Constables, 8 at \$1,600 a year, \$108.18, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Clerks, 1 (3) at \$1,600 a year, \$28.40; Conveyancer, 1 at \$2,400 a year, \$79.78.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Rodmen and Draughtsmen, 6 at \$1,300 to \$1,600 a year, \$895, to the appropriation for B-3, Advertising and Posting, \$300; B-4, Transportation of Persons, \$450; C-13, Tools and Instruments, \$25; D-11, Motor Vehicle, \$120.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Public Buildings Department:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Cleaners and Janitresses, 75 (76) at \$18 a week, \$1,168, to the appropriation for A-1, Per-

manent Employees, Janitors, Laborers, etc., 33 (35) at \$5 a day, \$860; A 3, Unassigned, \$308.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Inspectors, 4 at \$2,500 a year, \$422, to the appropriation for B-35, Fees, Service of Venires, etc., \$422.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Firemen and Oilers, 14 at \$41.50 a week, \$192, to the appropriation for A-3, Unassigned, \$192.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Associate Medical Examiner Service, Southern Division:

From the appropriation for B-5, Cartage and Freight, \$20, to the appropriation for D-1, Office, \$20.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

SALE OF LAND ON FREEPORT STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 27, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of a communication from the Park Commissioners favoring the sale of a parcel of property now in the custody of said department, containing approximately 134,000 square feet of land and flats on the northeasterly side of Freeport street, which they say is not required for any park, beach or playground purposes. I referred the matter to the City Planning Board who also agree that the city should sell the land.

I accordingly recommend the passage of the accompanying order for its sale at an upset price of \$39,500.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Planning Board, September 26, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—The City Planning Board returns herewith letter from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Department, suggesting that the property adjacent to 264 Freeport street, Dorchester, containing 160,745 square feet of land, be sold at public auction for the reason that it is of no use to his department and will never be used for park, beach or playground purposes.

In this connection the City Planning Board would say that this property which was formerly known as Mallock's Wharf, contains 1.15 acres of land and 2.54 acres of flats, having been transferred to the Park Department by the Sanitary Division of the Public Works Department in 1913.

The following paragraph appeared in the Thirty-Eighth Annual Report of the Board of Park Commissioners for the year ending January 31, 1913:

"The Public Works Department also transferred to us a small piece of wharf property on Freeport street, Dorchester, which at the present time is of doubtful value, but may be useful later as a boat landing in connection with a possible harbor service which may be established under the auspices of this department."

In the opinion of the City Planning Board the development of the Savin Hill Playground, beach and bath house, the Tenean Playground, the dredging and construction of a storm drain, the building of the Old Colony Parkway, and other improvements which have taken place in the vicinity, render the particular area under consideration less valuable for any public purpose. Also the entire area is zoned for industrial use at the present time which renders the property still less valuable for recreation purposes.

The assessed valuation of the area in 1930 was \$39,500, the solid land being assessed at 60 cents per square foot and the flats at 8 cents per square foot.

The accompanying diagram shows the use of properties and the assessed valuations in the vicinity.

In view of the facts as set forth in Mr. Long's communication, combined with its own investigation, it is the opinion of the City Planning Board

that the recommendation of the Park Department should be adopted and the property sold at public auction.

Respectfully submitted,
THE CITY PLANNING BOARD,
E. M. HERLIHY,
Secretary.

Whereas, By deed dated April 4, 1901, and recorded with Suffolk Deeds, Book 2746, page 76, Frank F. Phinney conveyed to the City of Boston a certain parcel of land and flats situated on the northeasterly side of Freeport street in that part of Boston, formerly Dorchester; and

Whereas, By order approved by the Mayor of Boston September 11, 1912, the said land and flats were transferred from the Public Works Department to the custody of the Park Department of the City of Boston so that a public landing might be built on said premises and recreation grounds be laid out on said premises; and

Whereas, The said premises are no longer necessary for public purposes;

Now, therefore, it is hereby Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be, and he hereby is, authorized, in the name and behalf of the City of Boston, to sell at public auction, at an upset price of \$39,500, all the right, title and interest of the City of Boston in and to said parcel of land and flats situated on the northeasterly side of said Freeport street in that part of said Boston, formerly Dorchester, and containing approximately 134,000 square feet of land subject to all rights of way if any there be over the said premises, and to execute and deliver a deed of the said premises to the purchaser thereof in form satisfactory to the Law Department of the City of Boston.

Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Frank Bicchieri, for compensation for damage to car by patrol wagon.

Joseph Covers, for compensation for damage to property at 303 Norfolk avenue, caused by defective sewer system.

Fanny Farmer Candy Shops, for compensation for damage to property at 23 Bromfield street, caused by water flooding cellar.

James Ferguson, for compensation for damage to property at 58 Shepard street, caused by overflow of sewage.

K. A. Juthe, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

George D. Leavitt, for compensation for damage to clothing caused by catching on door of Collecting Department.

D. Levenson & Sons, Inc., for compensation for damage to property at 59-63 Meridian street, caused by break in water pipe.

Liberty Furniture Company, Inc., for compensation for damage to property at 1838 Washington street, caused by overflow of water.

Linscott Motor Company, for refund on refuse tickets.

Annette M. Lowenthal, for compensation for damage to clothing caused by defective sidewalk at 480 Boylston street.

Antonio Merciano, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at Kneeland and Lincoln streets.

John H. Pray & Sons Company, for refund on refuse tickets.

Benjamin Rogolsky, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Salloway's Art Shop, for compensation for damage to property at 54 Province street, caused by defective hydrant.

Scholnick Shoe Company, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Catherine V. Sullivan, for compensation for damage to property at 311 Norfolk avenue, caused by overflow of sewage.

Boris L. Thorner, for compensation for damage to property at 149-153 Harvard street, caused by defective sewer.

John B. Valli, for compensation for damage to property at 303 Norfolk avenue, caused by defective sewer system.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS PAY ROLL.

The pay roll of the Registry of Deeds, to the amount of \$8,992.47, as follows: From September 22 to October 13, piecework; from October 16 to October 31 for regular employees, was received and approved.

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Notice was received of the appointment of Frederic J. Keeler of 29 Burgess street, Boston, as deputy sealer of weights and measures, service beginning on October 21.

Placed on file.

CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The constable's bond of Samuel Weiner, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, was received and approved.

MANAGER OF GEORGE ROBERT WHITE FUND.

Notice was received from the secretary of the George Robert White Fund of vote by trustees of said fund on May 26, 1930, to make a contract with Edward L. Logan for a term of five years as manager of the George Robert White Fund upon terms and conditions such as have been in force heretofore.

Placed on file.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JITNEY LICENSES.

Coun. MURRAY, for the Committee on jitney Licenses, submitted reports, as follows:

1. Report on petition of Boston Elevated Railway (referred September 8) to operate motor vehicles between junction of K and Eighth streets and Broadway Station—that license be granted.

Report accepted; said license granted under usual conditions.

2. Report on petition of Boston Elevated Railway (referred September 29) to operate motor vehicles from Somerville line to Sullivan square—that license be granted.

Report accepted; said license granted under usual conditions.

3. Report on petition of Boston Elevated Railway (referred October 20) to operate motor vehicles between Bowdoin square and Massachusetts Station—that license be granted.

Report accepted; said license granted on usual conditions.

4. Report on petition of Boston Elevated Railway (referred October 20) to operate motor vehicles from Somerville line to junction of Carter and Cambridge streets—that license be granted.

Report accepted; said license granted on usual conditions.

PROPOSED WORK ON BLUE HILLS RESERVATION.

Coun. FITZGERALD offered the following:

Whereas, It has been considered that the Blue Hills Reservation has continually been in danger of forest fires due to the large growth of underbush existing thereon; and

Whereas, Such work can be done now at most reasonable prices; and

Whereas, Such work would relieve the serious unemployment conditions that exist;

It is voted, by the Council of the City of Boston, that the Governor be requested to instruct the Metropolitan District Commission to place five hundred men at work on the Blue Hills and the Reservation adjacent thereto, under its jurisdiction, for the purpose of making all parts of this Reservation passable to pedestrians and to remove the possibilities of fire because of the extensive undergrowth existing thereon.

Coun. FITZGERALD—Mr. President, the purpose for which I have introduced that resolve is to ask the City Council of Boston to go on record to help to relieve this present unemployment situa-

tion by requesting the Governor to confer with his Metropolitan District Commission. Now, at the Blue Hill Reservation there is a lot of work to be done. It is all under the control of the state. It will affect men in the City of Boston as well as in other parts of Greater Boston. These men can now be put to work cleaning up the debris there in case of fire. We don't know when one of those fires may start. The condition there at the present time, with the falling leaves and one thing and another, is deplorable. I read in the newspapers the other day where a man from the western part of the country, evidently here attending one of the conventions, viewed with great wonder the great scene that he had witnessed there in the Blue Hills Reservation, and compared it to an entire western township. These men can be put to work. The commission can do it. A year ago they did something like it down through the Cape district. Here is an opportunity. \$4,000,000 were appropriated by the last session of the Massachusetts Legislature, affecting the Charles River Basin. There also is the highway from Canton to Wellesley, under the control of the Public Works Department. There is the highway from Washington street, West Roxbury, to Blue Hill avenue, under the control of the Public Works Department. There is the highway from Milton to the Blue Hills Parkway and the West Roxbury Parkway, to Milton street—\$4,000,000, and not one thing has been done, as far as the state is concerned, to relieve the unemployment situation. The story is that the plans have not been completed by the engineer. It was an easy thing for them to employ many expert engineers and put through these projects. They should now be put into immediate operation, to give men employment—\$4,000,000, and not one dollar has been spent for labor, and it will all go towards labor. I ask the City Council to go on record and pass this resolve I have introduced, to put these men to work. They have the emergency appropriation, and it will help out in some instances to relieve the present unemployment situation.

The resolution was referred to the Committee on Unemployment.

SLEEPING QUARTERS DURING UNEMPLOYMENT CRISIS.

Coun. DOWD offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to direct the Superintendent of Public Buildings to make ready for use as sleeping quarters during any emergency which may arise during the present unemployment crisis the municipal buildings in the congested centers of the city, and that he authorize the Overseers of the Public Welfare to serve food at such buildings during such emergency.

Coun. DOWD—Mr. Chairman, we have a serious situation in Boston. The Public Welfare Department informs me that in case any emergency arises this winter whereby our citizens may be out of work and out of their homes, they are only able to take care of 150 persons at the present time in the City of Boston. I think the situation is really serious. I have here a telegram which I have received from Congressman McCormack in Washington, in which he states:

"Councilor John F. Dowd,
City Hall.

I want to congratulate you on your constructive efforts to secure action that will tend to reduce the present unemployment situation in Boston. Your suggestion for raising a large sum by public subscription is an excellent one, and if order is passed and committee appointed for purpose of receiving donations it is my intention to subscribe and assist in every way possible. Present conditions require quick action and cooperation on the part of all.

Congressman JOHN W. MCCORMACK."

The order that has just been read calls upon the Mayor of the City of Boston to request the Superintendent of Public Buildings to have ready in case of emergency certain municipal buildings in the congested districts of Boston to take care of our citizens. It is not a new idea. Mayor Walker has seen fit to secure arrangements in the City of New York to take care of 50,000 persons. I ask for the suspension of the rules and the passage of the order.

Passed under suspension of the rules.

FUEL FOR DESTITUTE FAMILIES.

Coun. DOWD offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to open places of registration for the unemployed of the city in each of the twenty-two wards, and that he direct the Overseers of the Public Welfare to be prepared to supply fuel to all destitute families.

Coun. DOWD—The order, as just read, calls upon the Mayor of Boston to consider the advisability of open registration booths in the twenty-two wards of the City of Boston, in order that we may determine those out of work in Boston who are the heads of families and how many children they have, so that we may class intelligently any family or any person that is out of employment.

Referred to the Committee on Unemployment.

Coun. DOWD—Mr. President, in view of the fact that his Honor the Mayor, I understand, is leaving Boston after the State Election, I believe that we should take immediate action, and if the body has no objection I am asking a suspension of the rules and the passage of the orders, so that they may reach the Mayor before he leaves Boston.

Coun. McGRATH—Mr. Chairman, as the councilor is the chairman of that Committee on Unemployment, and it is up to him how speedily this action is taken on unemployment, I suggest that that is the proper committee to act on all of these unemployment measures.

The order was passed under suspension of the rules.

DISTRIBUTION OF CASH BY PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT.

Coun. DOWD offered the following:

Ordered, That the Overseers of the Public Welfare be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to distribute relief in all cases in cash instead of grocery orders, and to cut its investigations to a minimum during the present unemployment crisis.

Coun. DOWD—This is simply a repetition of the orders we have presented in the Council for the last two or three years. At the present time a head of a family who is compelled by dire necessity to go to the Overseers of the Public Welfare receives half or two-thirds of his allotment in grocery orders. I say to you, Mr. President, to the members of the Council and to the Mayor of Boston, that the only one who is deriving any benefit from the so-called grocery order is the chain store. In the old days a man received \$15 or \$18 a week in cash, and if he ran out of coal or medicine or anything else he was allowed to go to the store around the corner where he might be able to secure a little credit for a week or two weeks. But under the present plan the chain stores are the only ones who are deriving any benefit. If I remember right—and I think I do—when Councilor Donovan was President of this Council I made this same suggestion, and Mayor Curley, who then was a private citizen, sent a letter to our committee indorsing the order, and saying that in his opinion all people receiving aid should be paid in cash and not in groceries, and I see no reason why the City of Boston should not pay its needy citizens in cash rather than to allow the chain stores to derive the profit and the benefit.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, we have all kinds of rumors which have been for some time current, to the effect that a 10 per cent commission is being paid for the groceries obtained from the various chain stores under the innovation introduced in the last administration, and I will ask the councilor who has just spoken if it is not a fact that up until the last administration all payments were made in cash? Wasn't that the usual custom?

Coun. DOWD—In the previous Curley administration all payments were made in cash. When Mayor Nichols took office the innovation went into effect. I might say, bearing out Councilor Wilson's statement, if a man receives a \$5 grocery order and he needs medicine or needs some little article he cannot purchase in the first National or in the A. & P., what happens? He goes to the A. & P. or to the first National, to the manager, and for his \$5 grocery order he receives \$4 in cash.

Coun. BUSH—With reference to that part of the order which the councilor introduced, which

stipulates that the payments be made in cash instead of using orders on the chain stores, I am heartily in accord with it, but I would like to have the councilor amend his order with reference to that part of it which states that the investigations should be dropped. The mounting cost of the administration of our Overseers of the Public Welfare is increasing tremendously, and unless investigations are made a great many who are not entitled to the relief will be receiving it, to the detriment of those who are in need, and the only way in which this expenditure can be curbed, and in which the administration of the funds can be made an equitable one is through the means of investigation of the various cases that come before the board. I do not feel that I can vote for the order unless that is struck out.

Coun. DOWD—Mr. President, my sole purpose in asking that the investigations be cut down to the minimum is because, notwithstanding the fact that we have appropriated this year a million dollars more for the overseers than last year or any other year, the same force is operating there. I know that in my district, in Charlestown, East Boston, and the other congested districts the minimum investigation during a temporary period certainly should be made. I have two distinct cases in my mind at the present time, one with a family of seven children, and the other with a family of eight children. They went to the Public Welfare Department ten days ago, and up until two o'clock today no investigator and no relief has been sent to those people. Either the investigations must be cut down to a minimum, or the Public Welfare Department must add at least twenty-five or thirty investigators in order that these families may be taken care of. I don't think there is a man in the Council here that wants to call up the overseers and give them the name of a worthy family with five, six, seven or eight children, and then a week or ten days later have that family come to him and tell him that no investigator has been out to his house. I say to you, gentlemen, that during this temporary period the minimum investigation that is possible should be had. I do not believe that the red tape which at the present time exists in the Public Welfare Department should go on. If a woman goes down there today for aid, what happens? She is ordered first to report to the City Hospital and if she has five, six, seven or eight children, they have all got to be examined and a blood test taken, which probably takes a week or ten days, and then an investigator goes up to her house when he gets around to it. In asking for the minimum investigation I am only asking it for a temporary period.

Coun. BUSH—Mr. President, I would suggest to the councilor, then, that he revise his order so that temporary relief may be granted for one or two weeks without investigation, subject to withdrawal after investigation, and also that the force in the Public Welfare Department be increased to meet the demands upon them.

Coun. DOWD—I might say that I have an order there calling upon the Mayor to have the force increased, but I still insist that the minimum investigation by the Public Welfare Department during the present period is sufficient, because I really think that no sincere person will allow himself to go down to Chardon street and ask for aid unless he really needs it.

President LYNCH—The Chair will ask Councilor Bush whether or not an amendment is offered.

Coun. BUSH—I would like to amend the order, Mr. President, but it would take some little time, and if the councilor will suspend the motion for the time being, I will be very glad to cooperate with him in drawing up an amendment to the motion.

President LYNCH—If it is agreeable to Councilor Dowd.

Coun. DOWD—I would be glad to suspend. When it comes to the Council I will insist on the original motion, but I will be glad to suspend for the time being.

President LYNCH—If it is agreeable to Councilor Dowd the order will be referred to the Executive Committee.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

INVESTIGATORS IN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE.

Coun. DOWD offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to appoint twelve temporary investigators in the Department of Public Welfare for service during the present unemployment emergency.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

APPROPRIATION FOR SHOES.

Coun. DOWD offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston School Committee be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars, to be expended under the direction of said committee, for shoes for needy children in the elementary schools.

Coun. DOWD—The order calls upon the Mayor of Boston to request the School Committee to appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be expended for shoes for children in the elementary schools during the coming year. We all know that if a man is out of work, and he has four or five children, it is absolutely impossible to allow those children to go to school with absolutely nothing on their feet, and the School Committee, God knows, spends enough money foolishly, and I believe this is something they should take care of, and I am asking for a suspension of the rules and the passage of the order.

The order was passed under suspension of the rules.

CONFERENCE ON BUILDING PROGRAM.

Coun. DOWD offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to call a conference of himself, his Excellency the Governor, the members of the Boston School Committee, and the members of the School Buildings Commission, with a view to relieving the present unemployment situation.

Coun. DOWD—Mr. President, if there is any offender in the city or state government in regard to city contracts, it is the so-called present Schoolhouse Commission. We all know that a referendum was placed on the ballot giving the Governor the power to appoint one, the School Committee the power to appoint one, and the then Mayor Nichols the power to appoint one. That unpaid commission is functioning, and only two months ago, despite the fact that the Mayor of Boston and the Governor are doing everything possible to relieve the unemployment situation, they turned back half a million dollars which was appropriated about the first of the year for construction work. They refused to place the schools of Boston in first class condition, and returned half a million dollars. But we all know that the contractor from Cape Cod or Ipswich, if he is 25 cents under the Boston contractor, gets the contract, and I say it is about time that those who have the power to appoint the unpaid Schoolhouse Commission call them into conference and read the riot act to them, because it never was the intention of the people of Boston to send our work to men living in Danvers and Salem or any other section of the state. You take Cambridge or Somerville. When they advertise a contract over there, if you don't come from Cambridge or Somerville you don't get the contract. But here in Boston, if a Boston man bids \$98 for a contract, and a man from Ipswich bids \$97.50, the man from Ipswich gets the contract, despite the fact that it is Boston's money that is paying the bills. I say it is about time the Schoolhouse Department got busy and did some real work in the construction of school houses. They have plenty of money. The portable houses are still in existence. The plan of Mayor Curley that called for a chair for every pupil has evidently been abandoned under the present Schoolhouse Commission, and I say to the Mayor, to the Governor and to the School Committee that they are lax in their duty, because they have the power of appointment of this unpaid commission, and they should be called in and placed on the carpet and told to get busy and spend the money in order to relieve the present unemployment situation.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, there is a plan under way at the present time, of his Honor the Mayor and the Schoolhouse Commission, to spend some two or three million dollars in the building program of Boston, with the thought in mind of relieving the unemployment situation. I believe they have had one meeting on this proposed plan, and the Mayor of the city has taken this step in the right direction at the present time himself.

The order was passed under suspension of the rules.

MANUAL LABOR ON CONTRACTS.

Coun. DOWD offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct heads of departments to insert a clause in all contracts that during the period of unemployment emergency all public works shall be done by manual labor, and that no machinery shall be used.

Coun. DOWD—Mr. President, I am asking the Mayor of Boston to insert in all future contracts that may be given out in the City of Boston a clause which will prevent the use of any machinery of any kind. The mayors of other cities in Massachusetts have seen fit to do it, and there is no real logical reason during this temporary period why Boston should not do the same thing. You take the steam shovel and the cement mixer. Those two machines, in my opinion, do away with at least 75 laborers on every street that is under construction, and if there are twelve or fifteen streets under construction, as there are at the present time in the City of Boston, it certainly means that they are depriving 900 or 1,000 men of places to work. It may cost the city a little more money to do it by manual labor, but what of it? This is a trying crisis in the history of our city and the next three or four months should be taken care of by the taxpayers. I know they would not object. The contractors might be able to get a few more dollars by doing the streets by manual labor. Mayor Gallagher of Woburn has done the same thing. He has refused to allow any machines on any road construction work. And I certainly hope his Honor the Mayor will see fit to insert that clause in all contracts, and if he does that, and there are twelve or fifteen streets under construction, it will certainly mean that 900 or 1,000 men will be given work.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I have followed with interest the various orders and remarks of Councilor Dowd, but much as I regret it, I feel perhaps that this order should be referred to a committee. With the \$16,000,000 East Boston Tunnel project not yet scratched, with the Governor Square job of \$3,000,000 barely started, and with the \$4,000,000 of state work referred to by the councilor from Ward 3, not to mention the millions of dollars supposedly available for streets, I believe that more men should be put to work and more work done than that we should hamstring the proper work of the City of Boston by cutting out machinery. We all regret the fact that machines have cut down the amount of manual labor employed, and I could see perhaps the logic of it if there were only four or five streets to be done, why in a moment of great stress we should do away with machines. But having in mind that there is between \$20,000,000 and \$30,000,000 worth of work to be done, it seems to me that the real effort should be placed upon getting these various projects, that have been talked about so much and done so little, on the skids and ready to go, instead of cutting down street work in my ward or in the next man's ward. Because we all realize that if a street is once started in our ward, we want it done. We don't want the machines to be pulled off the street in the middle of winter, when the snow starts to fly. While I compliment the councilor from Roxbury on his evident wish to create all possible employment, yet as an economic proposition it seems to me, although he probably is enthusiastic about it, rather poor judgment to ask the Mayor of Boston to include in all contracts, even street contracts in his ward and mine, a provision that they shall not use cement mixers or that they shall not use machines. I go with him almost the whole distance on all of his various projects, but I do not think that under a suspension of the rules, and without mature deliberation, we should pass this particular order.

Coun. DOWD—Mr. President, I have listened to the councilor from Dorchester, but I contend, and I think I contend rightly, that the discontinuance of machines in the city streets will mean more work than the East Boston Tunnel and the Governor Square job. You have heard about the \$3,000,000 Governor Square job. How many men are employed there up to the present time? Not over 200 men. You have heard about the \$16,000,000 East Boston Tunnel job, which we passed in the closing session of our last City Council, almost ten months ago, and you heard what Commissioner Sullivan said in executive session the other day, that the contracts will not be let out before the first of the year. If that is so, they will never get started on the work of the East Boston Tunnel until April or May. I say that immediate relief and immediate action is necessary for the next four months—not for June, July or August, and not for next year, when prosperity may return to us again. Now is the time for action. You know and I know that committee upon committee has been appointed. And what has been the result? No definite, tangible action has been taken by any committee in reference to the unemployment situation. Not one dollar of the city's money over the budget of last year has been expended this year towards the relief of unemployment. I say that if the machines are taken off the streets of Boston for a temporary period of three or four months, it will place at work more men than the Governor Square job or the East Boston Tunnel job, which, in my opinion, will not be started until next May or June.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I do not want to leave my position at all not clear. I still insist that there are a score of streets in the City of Boston on which hearings have been held. I can count at least six in my own ward. I realize that the construction of a street takes a long, long time, but I still feel that until we run out of work, until we run out of streets to complete, we should not hamstring the streets that we are actually doing, and it seems to me the real remedy is to do more streets in the total, and not to put more men on certain particular streets. And I feel strongly that we ought to put perhaps 500 or 1,000 or as many men as can be put to work on those six streets in my ward or the five streets in somebody's else ward, and not cut down automatically by removing the machines the work now being done on the streets that have been started. I remember particularly under the last administration, something not so evident under this administration, that the one thing that in my opinion stopped work and clogged work was the fact that there were only three or four or five contractors who either had influence enough or who had men and material enough to take the average job, and I said then, and I say to a lesser extent now, that the real thing that is holding up construction work in the City of Boston, perhaps in the state, is that there is a certain group of contractors who perhaps have the money and the machinery, who are able to outbid the average contractor on any particular job, and it is, of course, an obvious result that after a contractor gets six or eight or fifteen streets to do, he can only do so many at a time, and the real handicap to the completion of work in the city and in the state is the fact that a chosen group—and I say that, perhaps not that they are "in" so much as that they can only handle so much—a chosen group of contractors have all the jobs, and the rest of the world is out of work. I really believe that a more concrete and helpful suggestion would be that the Public Works Department, not alone of the city, but perhaps of the state, hold these contractors down to a certain number of jobs, and if a contractor bids on Milton street or Centre street or another street, he should be able to show as a part of his bid that if he gets the contract he can put men to work, and if he is doing other jobs down on Cape Cod or in some other ward of the city, he should not be awarded the contract. I say that is much more important than it is to pull machinery off any given job, and a much better and more helpful suggestion, to my mind—and I do not ask the councilor to accept the suggestion—would be the insertion in every contract of a guaranty by the contractor that if he gets the contract he will start work within a week or within thirty days or sometime while a man still lives.

Coun. BUSH—Mr. President, in view of the constant and ever present discussion concerning the unemployment situation, it might not be amiss

to bring these facts before the President of this body. One of the great contributing factors to the unemployment situation in the City of Boston is the fact that while this city used to be a great recruiting center in past years for woodsmen for the pulp mills up in Maine, this year there has been no such work given to the men in Boston. In past years from 12,000 to 20,000 men were recruited in the spring and the fall in the City of Boston, to be sent up into the Maine woods as woodsmen, to cut trees for the pulp mills in Maine. It has just been brought to my attention that the Commissioner of Immigration has given permission this year to the pulp manufacturers in Maine to import Canadian labor for the purpose of cutting those trees, and the reason that these Canadian laborers are imported is because they work for less money than the New England woodsmen will work for. It seems to me that with all the talk of unemployment in the city, state, and nation, the Commissioner of Immigration could well refrain from granting these permits to our local and domestic pulp mills in order that they may be able to bring in foreign labor who will work for less than our domestic labor. Now, that means the employment of anywhere from 12,000 to 20,000 men, and these men were practically all recruited in the City of Boston and sent up to the Maine woods, but this year, both in the spring and in the fall, there were not 700 men recruited in the City of Boston for that purpose, because of this Canadian labor which is being imported by special permit and with the consent of the Commissioner of Immigration.

President LYNCH—The order is referred to the Committee on Unemployment.

Coun. DOWD—Mr. President, as I stated before, the unemployment situation is pressing, and if the City Council can take no definite action without the cooperation of his Honor the Mayor, and if his Honor the Mayor is going away to be gone for four or five weeks, if we do not get action before he goes away then the committee is practically helpless. Replying to the councilor from Dorchester, I say that it is not my intention or the intention of the order to handicap any street work being done. I do say this, that it is a known fact that a cement mixer used in any street takes the work of from twenty-five to thirty-five men. If that is so, why not discontinue that cement mixer and put those thirty-five men to work there on that street. The street will get completed just as quickly as if those men were not there. The only thing it does is to create a job for so many more individuals. I am going to ask for a suspension of the rules and the passage of the order.

The order was passed under suspension of the rules.

UNEMPLOYMENT FUND.

Coun. NORTON offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to consider the matter of requesting from each employee of the City of Boston a donation of one cent per month for each dollar received in salary as a contribution to an unemployment fund during the coming winter period, to be administered by the Overseers of the Public Welfare.

Coun. NORTON—Mr. President, with regard to this great problem that we have been discussing today, it has struck me that we are attempting to solve it in the best manner possible and in the best way that is at the means of this Council, but here is a constructive order, which asks that each one working for the City of Boston contribute one cent for each dollar received per month. That will make a fund of at least \$20,000 that can be administered by the Overseers of Public Welfare. We are all lucky today to have a job. Any man that is drawing a salary is a lucky person. The element of fate often enters into it. There are enough employees of the city who would be willing to give that small subsidy each month, in order to create a fund of money to be administered by the Public Welfare Department. That suggestion does not come from me, but it comes from a study of what is being done in the various municipalities of America. It is a suggestion which at first was supposed to have emanated from the leading private citizen of New York State, the Honorable "Al" Smith. Whether it came from Mr. Smith or not, I do not know, but I do know that at the present time his Honor

the Mayor of New York, Mayor Walker, has requested the employees of New York City to donate one cent for each dollar received per month to an unemployment fund, and to serve as the base of an unemployment fund in New York City.

The order was passed under suspension of the rules.

Coun. NORTON offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to consider the matter of requesting the public service corporations of Boston to request their employees to donate one cent per month for each dollar received in salary for a contribution to an unemployment fund during the coming winter period, to be administered by the Overseers of the Public Welfare.

Coun. NORTON—Mr. President, the public service corporations of the great cities such as Chicago and New York have already taken steps along this line and have requested those who are receiving good salaries from the New York Electric Light Company and from the Chicago Public Utilities Service Corporation to make such a contribution. Samuel Insull himself, perhaps the leading outstanding public utilities executive of America today, has personally requested each and every employee of the Chicago Company to make that donation once a month, and it seems that if Chicago can make that donation, and if New York is seriously considering it at the present time, it would be in order for Boston, which is suffering just as acutely, to also offer the same suggestion.

The order was passed under suspension of the rules.

NOONTIME LUNCH, HAWKINS STREET.

Coun. NORTON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Overseers of Public Welfare be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to consider immediate plans for the issuance of a noontime lunch at the Hawkins street headquarters.

Coun. NORTON—Mr. President, I understand it is not the custom of the Overseers of the Public Welfare to give a noontime lunch. In other words, if a person is in straightened circumstances he goes there of an evening, and after performing so much labor obtains an evening's meal, sleeps there at night, and then obtains breakfast. There is no provision, however, for a man who comes to Boston to seek a position, and walks the streets here all day, and then desires at noontime to have a cup of coffee or a sandwich. That proposition also is being considered by New York at the present time, and also by the City of San Francisco. They feel that in this acute period some provision should be made for taking care of the unfortunates who are walking the streets of those municipalities seeking work. I would like to see some provision made so that the Overseers of the Public Welfare might give to anyone who is a citizen of Boston, and who goes to Hawkins street at the noon hour, a sandwich and a cup of coffee. I understand, after consultation with the officials of the bureau, that there is no provision for any such procedure at this time. I listened with a great deal of interest to the remarks of my colleague from Roxbury. This question of the automatic machine I have been interested in for a good many years. Six months ago, as you will see if you read the record here, some of the members thought I was a little premature in talking about this automatic mixer. I would like to be understood rightly on that question. The automatic machine is a wonderful thing. The automatic machine has made the luxury of yesterday the necessity of today. The automatic machine has brought about a wonderful condition in a way, and at the same time in this country, as in the world, it has created a condition the like of which we have never known before. The primary objective of government is to find an orderly method of procedure for the ordinary citizen to earn an honest living, and when an integrating force impinges itself on the economic life of our nation and causes 45,000,000 people in America to be disseminated through unemployment, then that should take precedence over all other problems of government. We cannot eliminate the automatic machine overnight. I do not know that it would be a good thing. I doubt if any man knows. Councilor

Dowd suggests the elimination of certain machinery and he is right. But I would like to see a little further study of it. There may come a time when all automatic machinery on public works will have to be discarded for a month or two months or three months. The like of this economic depression has never been known before. Search all history, 3,000 years of contemporary and 3,000 years of ancient, and you will not find an analogous situation to this. There is nothing like it. One of the most brilliant contemporary minds, that of an Englishman who died only a week ago, Lord Northcliffe, on visiting America and writing one of the most critical and scientific surveys ever made on our government and upon our conditions, said that America is coming to a situation similar to that of Great Britain. It will take years for her to go into it, and years to come out of it. What the answer is I don't know but America will suffer. What the answer to the automatic machine is I don't know, but I know that if you look at the Tomasello job on the Strandway at South Boston you will not count twenty-five men working there. I know that if you go into the New York, New Haven & Hartford car shops, where 3,000 men were employed ten years ago, you will not count more than fifty men. Yet those 3,000 men hang around, hoping to get someone to tell them the job is coming back. The job is never coming back. I don't believe in stalling these men along, and telling them the job will be there tomorrow. It won't be. Now, it is not up to the Governor; it is not up to the Mayor. What would I do tomorrow if I were Mayor of this city, to bring one day's work to the car shops? I don't know of any way in which to bring back a day's work to the men in the car repair shops. The only thing we can do is through the medium of public relief, to try to relieve this terrific pressure of unemployment. We can try to do that. But economically that is not going to help us. It is only a temporary, ephemeral order. Every man and woman is not employed on public works. The large problem is the white collar man. What are we going to do with him? No Governor, no Mayor, no President is wholly to blame. Any man who stands up and says so is wrong. This is an economic condition that is world-wide. There are a number of causes which have brought it about, but mostly the great, impelling force of the last fifteen years by which the standard of living has been so highly raised. The sciences have contributed, along with the automatic machine, towards the elimination of jobs. At the Readville car shops today there are eighty engines. Never in the history of that car shop in thirty-five years have there been eighty engines doing nothing. Why? Because one engine today does the work of ten. It will pull 180 cars. Years ago an engine that pulled eighteen cars was considered to be doing a wonderful job. Today one engine pulls 180 cars, and one crew does the work that ten crews did years ago. Now the engine goes back for repairs once a month. The sciences of metallurgy and thermodynamics have been perfected so that today they have boilers that do twice and treble the work that they used to. The science of chemistry has shown them how to treat the sleeper so that it only has to be taken up once in fifteen years. It used to be once in seven years. It became water-soaked and rotten, and a great crew used to be necessary to remove those old sleepers and replace them with new ones. Today the science of chemistry has shown them how to preserve the sleepers so that they are good for twenty years. They used to have to take up the steel rails and calibrate them. Now they don't. Science has shown them how to make a rail that will never deviate in two decades. What do you need men for? Our remarks, I confess, may be a little embarrassing, this talk a little confusing, but nevertheless those are the elements entering into the unemployment situation. It is a world-wide problem. Listen to what Al Smith said in New York on Saturday night—a man who is noted for speaking out and says what he thinks—and I want you to tell me any other man in America who has been brave enough to make this remark—"I don't believe the situation is going to get better. I think it is going to get worse." No, good friends, it is not going to be over this winter. You hear a lot of people saying this winter is going to be bad. I want to make the prediction that next winter will be just twice as bad. There is no way out in a period such as this except by bringing together these various forces that have caused this acute problem. Now, my good friends, the councilor from Roxbury has spoken about the poor authori-

ties. I appreciate that what he has stated in regard to the Overseers of the Poor in many cases in other districts has been so, but I want to take this opportunity to thank the representative of that department who is in our ward, Ward 18. He has done a wonderful job and has cooperated with us there 99 or 101 per cent. As a matter of fact, in the case of two families where the father died leaving half a dozen children, he was there arranging for the funeral so that the widowed mother and those children had something to eat after the funeral. My good friends, it is very interesting to hear the remarks about the department from the councilors in other wards, but in our own ward we are extraordinarily fortunate at the present time.

Coun. BUSH.—Mr. President, I have listened not only this afternoon but a good many afternoons to the constant diatribes against machinery displacing manual labor. It is true enough that machinery has displaced manual labor, that is, unskilled manual labor, but how many millions of new labor has it made opportunities for? How many millions does the automobile give employment to? How many other thousands of people are given employment because of the manufacture and operation of newspaper presses? How much more employment is given to shoemakers through the medium of shoemaking machinery than has ever been given in the entire history of the world in the past? The advent of machinery has not taken any labor away. It has made new labor. It has made increasing opportunities for new employment. It has increased employment all over the world many times over. True enough, it has detracted from unskilled labor. The opportunities for unskilled labor are becoming less and less, but the opportunities for skilled labor are becoming greater all the time, and I become somewhat impatient with these diatribes against the machine age. The unemployment situation does not exist entirely because of the advent of machinery. The unemployment situation is more complicated than that. It cannot be simply done away with by the mere statement that machinery has come and displaced manual labor. It is much more complicated than that, and I would not even attempt to say what caused it. But there are forces all over the world that cause it. The tariff is in part responsible for it. Retaliatory measures by other countries are partly responsible for it. The foreign countries are not buying as much merchandise from us as they were formerly. We are not purchasing as much from other countries as we were formerly. There has been some hampering of trade, and as a result of the hampering of trade there has been less manufacturing, and as a result of less manufacturing there has been less employment. But the thing is far more complicated than appears by the statement that the machine age has displaced manual labor.

Coun. NORTON.—Mr. President.

President LYNCH.—The Chair will have to rule that the gentlemen are out of order in that they are not talking to the orders.

The question came on suspension of the rules and passage of the several orders, and the orders were passed under suspension of the rule.

PUBLIC GOLF COURSE.

Coun. FITZGERALD offered the following:

Whereas, The unemployment condition in the City of Boston is serious and is not going to be lessened during the approaching winter; and Whereas, There is much state and municipal work being studied and planned; and

Whereas, It is considered more economical to do such work at times similar to the present when labor can be had at reasonable prices; and

Whereas, There have been discussions regarding municipalities and the Commonwealth supplying public golf courses, it is voted, by the City Council of the City of Boston that the Commonwealth, through its Governor and its Metropolitan District Commission, confer with the Mayor of the City of Boston relative to the building of a golf course on the Stony Brook Reservation or on the Blue Hill Reservation, or both; such work is mostly of the kind that unskilled labor can be used on, being out-of-doors and but little equipment being necessary.

Coun. FITZGERALD.—Mr. President, if my memory serves me right, the last City Council appropriated a sum of money for the purchase

of a golf course, and it never has been done. Now, it has occurred to me that this is a glorious opportunity to find employment for the unemployed, the so-called unskilled labor. His Honor the Mayor has just returned from Washington where he has done a pretty good job. He has succeeded in getting the government to agree to transfer Governor's Island to the City of Boston for use as an airport. Now, I think this is another opportunity to confer with the state authorities, and get this land free. While there are very few in my district who play golf, and I don't play it myself, nevertheless it seems to be the burning issue of the hour, and here is one opportunity, in my opinion, to bring about some action to relieve this so-called unemployment.

Coun. HEIN—In reference to the order that the councilor just put in, and his remarks referring to this great man who has been down in Washington and got all this land, I think the best way to relieve unemployment is to get some men and have them clean some of these streets. Out on Commonwealth avenue, from Warren street down, they have not had a cleaner in the last two weeks. I think we can start right in there with some sweepers and clean the streets, without making golf courses.

The order was referred to the Committee on Unemployment.

VACANCIES IN POSTAL SERVICE.

Coun. FITZGERALD offered the following: Whereas, The policy of the Postmaster-General of the United States in not filling vacancies in the Postal Service occasioned by retirements on pension has resulted in increased duties for the already overworked employees, delaying the dispatch and delivery of the mail; be it therefore

Resolved, That the Boston City Council protests against this policy of the Postmaster-General of the United States, and respectfully requests that all vacancies in the Boston Postal Service be filled immediately; and be it

Ordered, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Postmaster-General of the United States.

President LYNCH—The order is referred to the Committee on Rules.

Coun. FITZGERALD—Mr. President—

President LYNCH—For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Coun. FITZGERALD—I would like to have the rules suspended in order that we might take action on that now. My purpose in introducing that order was this. I don't know whether any members of this body are aware of the fact or not, but I have discovered that a large number of men have been pensioned in the Boston postal district. No doubt the members here read in the newspapers that in the past two months some 200 or more men had been pensioned, and their positions have never been filled. I find that the mail that was formerly delivered at my home at 8 o'clock in the morning does not now get there until 9.30 or 10 o'clock. I have made some inquiries about the situation, and I find that the routes are being doubled. The men are now being forced to carry sixty or seventy pounds of mail. I know that in this body at the present time there is a man who was formerly employed in the postal service. He perhaps knows more about it than I do. He probably knows the anxiety working on the force here. Colonel Wood has recently been appointed by President Hoover to find ways and means to relieve the unemployment situation, and I read in the newspaper this morning that he calls upon the home-owners and property owners to hire help to do work in their homes, to paint and to do carpenter work and to put in new furnaces. We know that many of the people in the City of Boston right now are unable to pay interest on their mortgages, and many of them are forced to give up their homes. They haven't got the money to do these things that are being asked of them by these so-called highbrow unemployment committees that are appointed. In the City of Boston we know that people are staggering under the terrible water rates that are being forced upon them, the increase in taxation this year, and not only the increase in taxation but the increase in the valuations on their property. The banks are pretending to pay off their mortgages and stacking them up against them, and as we well know, many people who only a few

months ago were living comfortably, are now forced to do things that they never thought they would have to do in the history of their lives. We know that the large stores are laying off this high class help they have had. We know that Hornblower & Weeks have laid off 500 men, I am informed, in the last two weeks, and many other concerns are forcing their men out.

Now, the President by a stroke of his pen can sign a bill, or can force it through with his Postmaster-General, that he will employ 50,000 men in the postal service of the country, and that will mean in the Boston postal district at least 300 additional men who can be taken care of. I personally know men who have been subbing five or six years and getting one or two days a week, who are not now getting anything. That is a very serious matter. I realize the Council can do very little, but by passing this today they at least put themselves on record and bring the situation to the attention of the unemployment committee so that some action may be taken that will bring about relief not only in the Boston postal district but throughout the entire country.

The question came on the suspension of the rule and the passage of the order. The President declared the motion lost. The order was referred to the Committee on Rules.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to make a statement.

President LYNCH—Councilor Donovan asks unanimous consent to make a statement. Hearing no objection, the councilor may proceed.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, if I may take the floor at this time, I do it to disagree with some of the statements that have been made here this afternoon. I disagree with my colleague from Hyde Park when he says that the President is not responsible for the conditions throughout the country. The burden is on the President of this country, on his cabinet and on the two houses of Congress at Washington. I listened with attention to my colleague, Councilor Bush, when he drew the attention of the Council to the fact that 20,000 men were being brought in here from Canada. I listened to my colleague from the West End when he criticized conditions in the Post Office in Boston. The fact is that those matters do not belong in the City Council of Boston. They belong in Congress at Washington. Let us place the burden where it belongs. We hear that the President of this country is attempting to relieve the unemployment situation, and yet he has given orders to lay off 200 men in the coast guard—and I never approved of the coast guard, Mr. President. He says, "Lay off men in the Charlestown Navy Yard; lay off all men on government enterprises." If he is sincere in saying he wants to relieve unemployment and alleviate conditions, let him take steps along proper lines. Let them establish unlimited credit through the Federal banking system for worthy enterprises. A short time ago you could go into the banks of our city and procure loans on stocks to gamble in the stock market, but today you are confronted with a situation where you cannot go into a bank in our city and procure a loan for a worthy enterprise. They have not the money for those things. Those are the proper steps to take, Mr. President, and I think it would be fitting if the Council allowed those things to rest upon the shoulders of the Congressmen from our respective districts.

SIDEWALK ON OLNEY STREET.

Coun. RUBY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along 112 to 118 Olney street, Ward 14, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION, WARD 15.

Coun. KELLY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along 108 Westville street,

Ward 15, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along 90 Hamilton street, Ward 15, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION, WARD 20.

Coun. COX offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Summer street, both sides, full length, Ward 20, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Westbourne street, both sides, from West Roxbury Parkway to Cornell street, Ward 20, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

REPAVING OF STREETS, WARD 21.

Coun. HEIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth pavement Beacon street, from St. Mary's street to the bridge over the tracks of the Boston & Albany Railroad, Ward 21.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth pavement Peterborough street, between Audubon road and Kilmarnock street, Ward 21.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to reset the edgestones on Peterborough street, between Audubon road and Kilmarnock street, Ward 21.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

BLANKETS AT WAYFARERS' LODGE.

Coun. HEIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Overseers of the Public Welfare be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to have the blankets used in sleeping quarters at the Wayfarers' Lodge washed at least once a month.

Coun. HEIN—Mr. President, I paid a visit down to the Welfare Lodge on Hawkins street a few weeks ago. I was informed by the man that takes care of the building, the custodian, that those blankets are washed but once a year. The pillows there are black, and I think it is now time, with people going down there, that they should be washed at least once a month, if not every week. Furthermore, when they are going to pass out food down there to unfortunate, they should fumigate the building from top to bottom.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

THE AUTOMATIC MACHINE.

Coun. NORTON—Mr. President, if there are no more orders to be offered today, I would like to ask the consent of my colleagues to correct what I consider a misstatement by two of my colleagues with reference to a statement that I made here this afternoon.

President LYNCH—You may proceed.

Coun. NORTON—My colleague from Roxbury is always very interesting in his remarks. He is a student of municipal government. But nevertheless I must disagree with him in his statement that this diatribe against the automatic machine is more or less a myth. He inferentially made remarks to that effect. I don't blame the automatic machine as the sole cause of this depression. I recognize in the automatic machine a great amount of good in many ways. But nevertheless the point I wish to bring out is this, that the automatic machine is doing the work of 600,000,000 people in America today, and 45,000,000 people who have got to earn a living have got to find some way of harnessing production so that they may obtain and hold jobs. The automatic machine is not the entire cause of the depression. There are many other factors. My colleague from Roxbury speaks of the wood cutters down in Maine coming over the border. We have the same trouble in California where thousands of Mexicans, not hundreds, come over into California, and we have the same trouble in Vermont where over 2,000 Canadians come over daily to take the jobs of Americans. That is something that has been put up to the Congress of the United States and the officials of this country for years, and nothing has been done. We had here in Boston the other day the personal representative of Benito Mussolini of Italy. The Mayor of Boston received him—Mr. Martino. He said he was honored to welcome him here. Well, Mussolini has discarded the automatic machine as being one of the causes of the present depression. The great Mahatma Ghandi, the leader of the Indian people, has done the very same thing. So I think the automatic machine is more or less of a factor.

You say it applies only to the unskilled. Well, the automatic machine in the motion picture industry has eliminated 45,000 skilled musicians overnight, that is the "talkie." The automatic machine went into the offices of the Boston Post and Herald and eliminated overnight the old telegraphers who had a sense of pride in the perfection of their profession. The automatic machine now does the work more quickly than half a dozen men could previously do it. In the shoe factories, that used to employ thousands of help, the automatic machine is now doing the work. So I am inclined to believe, Mr. Chairman, that my colleague is a little in error when he says that this diatribe against the automatic machine is more or less of a myth. Answering my colleague from East Boston, who wants to put it up to Congress, I quoted the words of United States Senator David I. Walsh when I said—not that this problem was not up to the President, but what I said was this, that it was not wholly up to the President of the United States. How much politics can interfere with the economics of business has always been a great question. The President of the United States, if I had my way, would call a special session of Congress on unemployment. He would bring this public relief matter forward to the attention of the nation. I do not believe that all these committees that are being appointed are going to do any more good than the President did when six months ago he called the leading men of the nation to Washington, and they all came back and said they would not discharge a man, and the first order issued after the board of the New Haven got home was to discharge a thousand men at the Readville car shops of the New Haven Railroad. We are going to have the same thing with these committees. It is an economic question. Everyone is not a pick and shoveler. If all the public work in Boston was going tomorrow you would not take care of one-fiftieth of the unemployed. Next summer you are going to have the same problem. You are going to say, "Where is all this work? Is it a myth?" What we are going to have eventually is a federal industrial commission that will regulate as the War Industries Board did during the war, the production of the nation and the consumption of the nation. Until we have a federal industrial commission that will take charge and that will guarantee each industry so much work a week, you are going to have chaos and trouble. If you have a machine turning out a million of these books in one day and you can only sell half a million, and yet you have fifty companies throughout America making them, you are bound to have bankruptcy and chaos, unless you can tell each man making that book, "You can make just so many books a day, work just so many days on automatic machines, and have so many employees."

Take the Gillette Safety Razor Company. The papers published a picture of the Gillette Safety Razor Company working night and day turning out 2,700,000 blades a day. Well, that is where the federal industrial commission would say to the Gillette Company, "Just three or four hours a day, three or four days a week, and then stop production, and not have what has taken place." Three months, night and day, with the automatic machine, and now it looks like three years, and nothing doing at all! There is your problem, and one of the finest men in this country on this subject, a man who wrote the financial sections at the Versailles treaty for Wilson, one of the leading Jewish Americans of the world, Bernard Baruch, suggests a supreme court of business. The Protective Order of Eagles some years ago were the pioneers in suggesting old age pensions. They should come forward in national convention and say, "We want a federal industrial commission," and until they do there will be chaos and unemployment. So, my colleagues, with regard to the public works of this city or the public works of the Commonwealth, I am in favor of it all if it will help out, and anything that helps, no matter how small, is a wonderful thing. But it is not going to take care of the whole proposition. Some day I am going to bring in an order asking the Commonwealth to make a study of this matter and to draft a bill for a federal industrial commission. Until we have some power in this nation that will decide how many, and how many kinds of a particular commodity shall be produced, then we are going to have trouble. It is not this year or next year. It is a ten-year problem. Well, Mr. President, my one colleague tells me that there are 5,000 cigarmakers in Boston and only fifty employed today. Any day you can go down to the waterfront and see the most pathetic thing you ever saw, a poor old woman who has lived her life in comfortable circumstances, whose husband worked in a cigar factory,—you can now see her, in the evening of life, over there with a little bag peddling cigars for ten cents apiece while the husband, willing to work, is at home. It is a serious proposition. How much we can do to help out I don't know. I am in favor of all public works, and spending as much money at this time as we can. That is why I would like to have the employees and the Council here that are drawing a salary—everyone that is drawing a salary from the City of Boston—contribute a dollar a month or so to this unemployment fund,—do something; at least try to do something. How much we can do outside of publicity, I don't know. A more eminent member of the Council than I, said some time ago that after the budget was passed, he saw little need of being here. Outside of the newspapers of Boston giving to the Council an extraordinarily large amount of space and making it a sort of broadcasting station, I often wonder what it is all about. However, we can point out ways and means, and get a little publicity on it. I take a great deal of pleasure in pointing to that federal commission. I am sure that five or ten years from now I will be able to point back to the record, and that you will see something similar to it. That is what that committee is headed for, this committee of experts. They are talking about it in Boston, and that is what they will eventually come to.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

The Council took up, under unfinished business, No. 1 on the calendar, viz.:

1. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor October 20, 1930, of Agda E. Gustafson and Charles E. McKenna, to be Weighers of Goods.

The question came on confirmation. Committee, Coun. Norton and Dowd. Whole number of ballots 16; yeas 16, nays 0, and the appointments were confirmed.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL, WARD 10.

Coun. POWER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an automatic traffic signal at the junction of Huntington avenue, Tremont, Francis and Calumet streets, Ward 10.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Coun. MAHONEY, for the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, submitted report recommending passage of order for payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the City of Boston for the month of October, 1930.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

On motion of Coun. ENGLERT, the Council voted to take a recess at 3.37 p. m., subject to the call of the President. The Council reassembled in the Council Chamber at 5.20 p. m., President LYNCH in the chair.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. MAHONEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted reports as follows, viz.:

1. Report on message of Mayor and orders (referred today) for transfers within departmental appropriations—that said orders ought to pass.

President LYNCH—The question comes on the acceptance of the report of the committee.

The report was accepted.

President LYNCH—The question comes on the passage of the orders, and the clerk will call the roll.

Coun. KELLY—There is one item in that transfer that I have objection to voting on. Now, if there is any way it could be arranged so that your report will include everything but that item in the Fire Department, which transfers an appropriation for solid rubber tires which are a necessity to a fire truck if they are ever a necessity any place, to pneumatic tires, I am willing to vote for it. But I want to vote against that, and I want to know if these different departments can be sub-divided, because I feel that the others are justifiable. Mr. President, I move that we vote on every order but that for the Fire Department. I make a motion to that effect.

President LYNCH—The question comes on the passage of all orders but the transfer of money for the Boston Fire Department, and the clerk will call the roll.

The clerk called the roll, and the orders were severally passed, yeas 17, nays 0.

President LYNCH—The question now comes on the passage of the order for the transfer to the Boston Fire Department. The clerk will call the roll.

Coun. KELLY—Before this vote is taken, I want to call the attention of the members of this Council to the fact that we are now voting on certain money to exchange solid rubber tires on the Boston Fire Department trucks to pneumatic tires. I believe that the Fire Department apparatus, as it needs to respond to a call at any time, and needs to be sure and get there, can take no chances by putting on a tire that might necessitate its stopping on the road with either a blowout or a puncture. I contend that there is one apparatus in the City of Boston that positively needs solid rubber tires, and that is the fire apparatus, and I sincerely hope that order will not be passed.

Coun. CURTIS—Mr. President, it seems to me we can take a tip here from all the contractors. Everybody that uses his eyes will notice these big trucks with pneumatic tires. There has been a change in the way the tires are made, and if you will look around at the big trucks carrying rock and dirt and so forth, you will see that most of them have got pneumatic tires on them. Now, if the Fire Commissioner thinks that the use of pneumatic tires will save wear and tear on the trucks, let us allow the Fire Commissioner go ahead and put them on. He is not putting them on all of them at once, but I say let us let him have the money.

President LYNCH—The clerk will call the roll.

The clerk called the roll, and the order was passed, yeas 16, nays, Coun. Kelly, 1.

2. Report on order (referred today) that Overseers of Public Welfare distribute relief in cash instead of in grocery orders—recommending passage of order in following new draft, viz.:

Ordered, That the Overseers of Public Welfare be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to distribute relief in all cases in cash instead of grocery orders, to increase its corps of investigators

to take care of the increased demands, and to advance temporary relief at once pending investigation.

Report accepted; said order passed.

3. Report on petition (referred September 29) of Isabel M. Corcoran to be paid an annuity on account of the death of her husband, Charles G. Corcoran, late member of the Fire Department—recommending passage of following order, viz.:

Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 182 of the Acts of 1930 as amended by chapter 241 of the Acts of 1930, an annuity of twelve hundred dollars be allowed and paid to Isabel M. Corcoran, widow of Charles G. Corcoran, a member of the Fire Department, who died on September 16, 1930, from injuries received on that date in the performance of his duty; said annuity being made up of allowances as follows:

For the widow, Isabel M. Corcoran, so long as she remains unmarried—\$1,000 per annum;

For son, Charles G. Corcoran, born January 28, 1926, during such time as he is under the age of eighteen or over said age and physically or mentally incapacitated from earning—\$200 per annum; the payments to date from September 17, 1930, and to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department, Pensions and Annuities.

Report accepted; said order passed.

4. Report on the petition of Lena E. Everett (referred August 4) to be paid an annuity on account of the death of her husband, James R. Everett, late member of the Fire Department, recommending passage of the following order, viz.:

Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 182 of the Acts of 1930 as amended by chapter 241 of the Acts of 1930, an annuity of one thousand dollars be allowed and paid to Lena E. Everett, widow of James R. Everett, a member of the Fire Department, who died June 8, 1930, from injuries received in the performance of his duty on June 3, 1930; said annuity to date from June 9, 1930, to continue so long as said widow remains unmarried and to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department, Pensions and Annuities.

Report accepted; said order passed.

5. Report on order (referred September 29) that land and building on Blossom street formerly occupied as a health unit be placed in care and custody of Superintendent of Public Buildings, to be used for a wardroom for Ward 3—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the various department heads of the city, through his Honor the Mayor, be, and

they hereby are, requested to include in all future contracts for construction work a definite provision that the successful bidder must guarantee to commence actual construction work within ten days of the award of any bid, and that only citizen labor shall be employed.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF WILMINGTON AVENUE.

Coun. WILSON offered an order, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept as a public highway Wilmington avenue, from Milton avenue to Gallivan Boulevard, Ward 17.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

CONFIRMATION OF CONSTABLE.

Coun. WILSON moved to take up the name of Thomas A. McKenna from No. 10 on calendar. Committee, Coun. Cox and Green. Whole number of ballots cast 17, yeas 15, nays 2,—and the appointment was confirmed.

WIDENING OF RUTHERFORD AVENUE.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to consider the advisability and feasibility of widening Rutherford avenue, at the entrance to City square, Charlestown, by the taking of land formerly occupied by the Waverley House.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

NEXT MEETING.

Coun. KELLY moved that when the Council adjourn it be to meet two weeks from today, on November 10.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

Adjourned, on motion of Coun. NORTON, at 5.30 p. m., to meet on Monday, November 10, 1930, at 2 p. m.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Wednesday, November 5, 1930.

Special meeting of the City Council of the City of Boston, held in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, at one o'clock p. m., President LYNCH in the chair and a quorum present.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn in the manner prescribed by law, the Mayor absent, viz.:

Thirty-one additional traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, First Session, to appear November 10, 1930:

James Joseph McDermott, Ward 2; James S. Ryan, Ward 2; Francis E. Sullivan, Ward 2; Richard F. Risso, Ward 3; Harry Holtz, Ward 5; Herbert W. Dyer, Ward 6; Joseph F. Hodges, Ward 6; Francis O'Sullivan, Ward 6; Lawrence C. Larsen, Ward 7; Michael J. Halloran, Ward 8; Robert E. F. Kelley, Ward 8; George F. Green, Ward 10; William P. Cahill, Ward 12; Daniel J. Denehy, Jr., Ward 13; George St. Thomas, Ward 14; John A. Brooks, Ward 16; Malcolm Larson, Ward 16; James W. McGuire, Ward 16; John F. Sherin, Ward 16; Frank C. Christie, Ward 17; Arthur F. Gooding, Ward 17; William J. Michaud, Ward 17; Michael W. Mulloy, Ward 17; Lawrence P. O'Melia, Ward 17; Daniel D. Preen, Ward 18; Edwin C. Parker, Ward 19; F. Ernest Griffin, Ward 20; Francis T. Keefe, Ward 20; Timothy J. McLaughlin, Ward 20; Edward McHugh, Ward 21; John P. Fitzmaurice, Ward 22.

Thirty-one traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, First Session, to appear December 1, 1930:

James E. Powers, Ward 1; Joseph Burns, Ward 2; Mark M. Manning, Ward 2; Richard F. Fox, Ward 4; Charles E. Penniman, Ward 5; Thomas Cody, Ward 6; John F. Freeman, Ward 6; Robert E. Olson, Ward 6; Patrick J. Rogers, Ward 6; Joseph Pettigrossi, Ward 8; Gustaf Cedurlund, Ward 9; George John Rexines, Ward 9; John M. Hayes, Ward 11; John J. Hufnagle, Ward 11; James F. Burns, Ward 12; George M. Warren, Ward 12; Jacob Allen, Ward 14; Harold J. Welch, Ward 14; Thomas H. Doherty, Ward 15; Carl L. Bergman, Ward 16; Richard J. Fay, Ward 16; Jeremiah J. Mahoney, Ward 16; Augustus A. Pye, Ward 16; Royden Loring, Ward 17; John M. Curtin, Ward 18; Charles A. V. Widgeon, Ward 18; James F. Foss, Ward 19; John W. Card, Ward 20; Edwin H. Spooner, Ward 20; Daniel W. MacCall, Ward 21; Alfred F. Matthews, Ward 22.

Thirty-one traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, Third Session, to appear December 1, 1930:

Louis Bower, Ward 1; Carmine DeChristoforo, Ward 1; William A. Keough, Ward 1; Louis J. Solari, Ward 1; Hugh S. Logue, Ward 2; Thomas L. Quinn, Ward 3; Richard O. Harding, Ward 4; Russell J. Goslin, Ward 7; William F. Kennedy, Ward 7; John P. Lawton, Ward 7; Joseph P. Riley, Ward 7; Frank James McGee, Ward 8; Morris Gelford, Ward 9; James F. Wooding, Ward 9; Frank E. McFarlane, Ward 10; Joseph C. Hohmann, Ward 11; Dominick F. Spellman, Ward 11; Bernard Tison, Ward 12; Joseph H. Philbrick, Ward 15; James V. Hayes, Ward 16; William H. Harvey, Ward 17; George E. Kirby, Ward 17; Harry A. Baldwin, Ward 18; Joseph A. Gregg, Ward 18; Arthur S. French, Ward 18; Harry P. Gilchrist, Ward 18; Thomas E. Morrison, Ward 18; Paul R. Radford, Ward 18; Carl Johnson, Ward 19; Henry A. Fink, Ward 20; Cyril I. Fishel, Ward 21.

Thirty-one traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, Fourth Session, to appear December 1, 1930:

John W. Bates, Ward 4; Alfred J. Newcomb, Ward 4; Donovan M. Richardson, Ward 5; Bernard J. Woods, Ward 5; James D. Wood,

Ward 7; Timothy F. Sheehan, Ward 8; George H. Archilles, Ward 9; Thomas Grealy, Ward 11; Henry J. Mackey, Ward 11; Joseph E. Gregori, Ward 12; George A. Tomlinson, Ward 13; Samuel Castleman, Ward 14; Charles Johnson, Ward 14; Daniel J. Coughlin, Jr., Ward 16; Frank J. Guaragna, Ward 16; Roland L. McDonald, Ward 16; Thomas J. Cunningham, Ward 17; Walter F. Arnold, Ward 18; Alfred Brymer, Ward 18; Maurice B. Callahan, Ward 18; Bruno O. Haas, Ward 18; John F. Kelliher, Ward 18; William V. Dorney, Ward 19; John J. McManus, Ward 19; Walter A. Thielsch, Ward 19; Joseph L. Williams, Ward 19; John C. Benker, Ward 20; George C. Fischer, Ward 20; William H. Hinckley, Ward 20; Ernest A. Price, Ward 20; John S. VanBael, Ward 20.

Thirty-one traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, Fifth Session, to appear December 1, 1930:

William H. Frizzell, Ward 1; James P. Buckley, Ward 2; John McNiece, Ward 2; Arthur Naylor, Ward 4; Charles W. Sealander, Ward 5; Thomas P. Fitzgerald, Ward 6; Henry L. Martin, Ward 10; Michael McCusker, Ward 10; James H. Ward, Ward 10; Thomas J. Madden, Ward 11; John W. O'Reilly, Ward 11; Abraham Schwartzman, Ward 14; James Walsh, Ward 15; John J. Ahern, Ward 16; Francis M. Gilrain, Ward 16; Thomas A. Kelley, Ward 17; Joseph D. Rich, Ward 17; Robert D. Roster, Ward 17; John W. White, Ward 17; Albert S. Hall, Ward 18; Benjamin R. Haskell, Ward 18; Henry Boone, Ward 19; Warren J. Mulrey, Ward 19; William N. Pascoe, Ward 20; Carl Berg, Ward 21; Walter L. Fiske, Ward 21; W. Frederick Coppinger, Ward 22; Robert J. Dickey, Ward 22; Michael J. Kerins, Ward 22; Walter J. O'Brien, Ward 22; Wesley P. Patnode, Ward 22.

Twenty-five traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, First Session, October Sitting, to appear December 1, 1930:

John E. Mulcahy, Ward 2; John A. Cronin, Ward 5; Philip English, Jr., Ward 5; Elmer H. Haun, Ward 7; Neal O'Connor, Ward 7; William H. Sullivan, Ward 8; Frank E. Wynne, Ward 8; Ralph E. McKay, Ward 9; Nicholas J. Mulcahy, Ward 10; Robert H. Berely, Ward 11; Walter L. Dooley, Ward 11; Henry M. O'Brien, Ward 12; Edward Snyder, Ward 12; John Gart, Ward 14; James J. O'Brien, Ward 16; John J. O'Brien, Ward 16; Joseph O. Doble, Ward 17; Joseph P. Collins, Jr., Ward 19; Joseph L. McLaughlin, Ward 19; Robert Lawson, Ward 20; Earl W. Bryant, Ward 21; James F. Cody, Ward 21; Charles A. Horwitz, Ward 21; Harry C. Johnson, Ward 21; Thomas F. Russell, Ward 22.

Twenty-eight traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Second Session, October Sitting, to appear December 1, 1930:

William Patterson, Ward 2; John J. Sullivan, Ward 2; John B. Tucker, Ward 2; William A. O'Donnell, Ward 3; John F. O'Connell, Ward 6; Charles S. Holt, Ward 7; John Keefe, Ward 7; John J. Morley, Ward 7; James Tobin, Ward 10; Arthur D. Foss, Ward 11; Francis T. Power, Ward 11; Samuel L. MacHott, Ward 12; William B. Davern, Ward 13; Clement V. Picavet, Ward 13; Joseph P. Duffy, Ward 14; John V. Peard, Ward 14; Herbert O. Peterson, Ward 14; John J. Murphy, Ward 15; John T. Harrington, Ward 16; John H. Detert, Ward 18; John J. Doland, Ward 18; Edwin M. Charlton, Ward 19; Augustus F. Curtis, Ward 19; Frank B. Nute, Ward 19; Ralph L. Sabean, Ward 19; William F. Sweeney, Ward 19; William L. D'Entremont, Ward 20; Samuel Wax, Ward 21.

Twenty-seven traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Third Session, October Sitting, to appear December 1, 1930:

Daniel Shea, Jr., Ward 2; George T. Bacigalupo, Ward 3; John Marry, Ward 3; Walter P. Mulrey, Ward 6; Joseph F. Clougherty, Ward 7; Owen N. Duffy, Ward 8; Perley C. Graves, Ward 10; James L. Kingston, Jr., Ward 11; Thomas J. W. Shaw, Ward 11; Harry Alpert, Ward 12; Jacob L. Fishman, Ward 12; James F. McQuade, Ward 13; William A. Roche, Ward 14; Francis G. Shea, Ward 14; Jeremiah L. Murphy, Ward 15; William C. Rowe, Ward 15; William X. McKee, Ward 16; Ernest Shapiro, Ward 17; Thomas L. Bracken, Ward 18; Eugene Hayes, Ward 18; Matthew E. Comerford, Ward 19; William J. Newman, Ward

19; Harold C. Williams, Ward 20; Garrett B. Clark, Ward 21; Earle F. Lamprey, Ward 21; William J. Mercer, Ward 21; Edward J. Gould, Ward 22.

Twenty-nine traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Fourth Session, October Sitting, to appear December 1, 1930:

John L. Sullivan, Ward 1; Edward J. Flynn, Ward 2; Patrick J. Foley, Ward 3; John J. Sherry, Ward 3; Walter B. Littlefield, Ward 4; Frederick H. Laughrey, Ward 4; Joseph A. Marr, Ward 4; Thomas M. Sangster, Ward 4; Frank A. Black, Ward 5; Samuel A. Block, Ward 5; Thomas F. Bowers, Ward 5; Edward A. Williams, Ward 6; Frederick J. Gallagher, Ward 7; Timothy Hayes, Ward 7; William Chubb, Ward 8; James C. Connor, Ward 8; John R. McGrath, Ward 8; James G. King, Ward 9; Stephen Coyle, Ward 10; Frederick A. Durward, Ward 11; Charles Peterson, Ward 11; Charles S. Sundin, Ward 11; Vincent J. White, Ward 16; John A. Bracken, Ward 17; Frank H. Randall, Ward 18; John W. Maynard, Ward 20; William T. Austin, Ward 21; Harry W. Rascoe, Ward 21; Thomas P. Garvey, Ward 22.

Twenty-eight traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Fifth Session, October Sitting, to appear December 1, 1930:

Martin Banks, Ward 1; William W. Bradford, Ward 5; Percy R. Douglass, Ward 7; Henry McKenna, Ward 7; Thomas J. Carley, Ward 8; Richard Koch, Ward 8; Olof Anderson, Ward 11; Patrick E. Cain, Ward 11; Francis P. Cosgrove, Ward 12; Thomas A. Griffin, Ward 13; Harry Miller, Ward 14; Joseph R. Rosen, Ward 14; James B. O'Neil, Ward 15; Patrick Falvey, Ward 16; George K. Farley, Ward 16; Richard E. Goodale, Ward 16; Frank P. Crehan, Ward 17; Atwood Howard Crosby, Ward 17; John J. Roche, Ward 17; Gustaf O. Benson, Ward 18; Perley S. Vance, Ward 18; John Drummy, Ward 19; William H. Gately, Ward 19; Joseph A. Hailer, Ward 19; Chester R. Perry, Ward 21; Nicholas

D. Corbett, Ward 22; William G. Corbett, Ward 22; Henry F. McCormick, Ward 22.

Twenty-five traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Sixth Session, October Sitting, to appear December 1, 1930:

George J. Grace, Ward 1; William C. LePage, Ward 1; Grant R. Levine, Ward 3; Ralph M. Richardson, Ward 4; Joseph S. Galland, Ward 7; John J. McCarthy, Ward 7; Frederick M. Dailey, Ward 8; William V. MacKenzie, Ward 10; William F. Amon, Ward 12; George W. Cuddy, Ward 13; John J. Reagan, Ward 13; Edward C. Glynn, Ward 14; Edward B. Carty, Ward 15; Joseph M. Heffernan, Ward 15; John F. Barrett, Ward 16; Leslie C. Norton, Ward 16; Frank E. Flynn, Ward 17; Charles T. Hall, Ward 17; Frederick A. Fisher, Ward 18; Percival A. Littlefield, Ward 18; Sylvester J. Dade, Ward 19; Patrick W. Bowen, Ward 20; Herbert M. Dodge, Ward 20; Sidney E. Thorup, Ward 20; Warren A. Callahan, Ward 22.

Twenty-nine traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Seventh Session, October Sitting, to appear December 1, 1930:

Christopher D. Sullivan, Ward 1; Martin F. McDonnell, Ward 4; Edward R. Clarkson, Ward 6; Thomas F. Callahan, Ward 8; John T. Murphy, Ward 8; Michael C. Whalen, Ward 8; John L. Forrester, Ward 9; Charles W. Kelley, Ward 9; Abraham Wilfand, Ward 9; John J. Kelley, Ward 10; John M. Flaherty, Ward 11; John W. Walsh, Ward 11; Philip Bellotti, Ward 12; Miner O. Davison, Ward 12; Samuel Graff, Ward 12; Arthur J. Duhamel, Ward 15; William J. Ford, Ward 15; John P. Kerrigan, Ward 16; Laurence J. Monroe, Ward 16; Frank W. Gustafson, Ward 17; William P. McGuinness, Ward 18; Herbert L. Smith, Ward 18; Frank E. Webster, Ward 18; Paul A. Dunbar, Ward 19; Frank Kummel, Ward 19; Carl F. Leitige, Ward 19; Harry S. Trethewey, Ward 20; John J. Goode, Ward 22; Bernard J. Hurley, Ward 22.

Adjourned at 1.45 o'clock p. m.

CITY OF BOSTON.

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James E. Powers, Ward 1; Joseph Burns, Ward 2; Mark M. Manning, Ward 2; Richard F. Fox, Ward 4; Charles E. Penniman, Ward 5; Thomas Cody, Ward 6; John F. Freeman, Ward 6; Robert E. Olson, Ward 6; Patrick J. Rogers, Ward 6; Joseph Pettigrossi, Ward 8; Gustaf Cedurlund, Ward 9; George John Rexines, Ward 9; John M. Hayes, Ward 11; John J. Huflagle, Ward 11; James F. Burns, Ward 12; George M. Warren, Ward 12; Jacob Allen, Ward 14; Harold J. Welch, Ward 14; Thomas H. Doherty, Ward 15; Carl L. Bergman, Ward 16; Richard J. Fay, Ward 16; Jeremiah J. Mahoney, Ward 16; Augustus A. Pye, Ward 16; Royden Loring, Ward 17; John M. Curtin, Ward 18; Charles A. V. Widgren, Ward 18; James F. Foss, Ward 19; John W. Card, Ward 20; Edwin H. Spooner, Ward 20; Daniel W. MacCall, Ward 21; Alfred F. Matthews, Ward 22.

Thirty-one traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, Third Session, to appear December 1, 1930:

Louis Bower, Ward 1; Carmine DeChristoforo, Ward 1; William A. Keough, Ward 1; Louis J. Solari, Ward 1; Hugh S. Logue, Ward 2; Thomas L. Quinn, Ward 3; Richard O. Harding, Ward 4; Russell J. Goslin, Ward 7; William F. Kennedy, Ward 7; John P. Lawton, Ward 7; Joseph P. Riley, Ward 7; Frank James McGee, Ward 8; Morris Gelford, Ward 9; James F. Wooding, Ward 9; Frank E. McFarlane, Ward 10; Joseph C. Hohmann, Ward 11; Dominick F. Spellman, Ward 11; Bernard Tilson, Ward 12; Joseph H. Philbrick, Ward 15; James V. Hayes, Ward 16; William H. Harvey, Ward 17; George E. Kirby, Ward 17; Harry A. Baldwin, Ward 18; Joseph A. Gregg, Ward 18; Arthur S. French, Ward 18; Harry P. Gilchrist, Ward 18; Thomas E. Morrison, Ward 18; Paul R. Radford, Ward 18; Carl Johnson, Ward 19; Henry A. Fink, Ward 20; Cyril I. Fishel, Ward 21.

Thirty-one traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, Fourth Session, to appear December 1, 1930:

John W. Bates, Ward 4; Alfred J. Newcomb, Ward 4; Donovan M. Richardson, Ward 5; Bernard J. Woods, Ward 5; James D. Wood,

Ward 7; Timothy F. Sheehan, Ward 8; George H. Achilles, Ward 9; Thomas Grealy, Ward 11; Henry J. Mackey, Ward 11; Joseph E. Gregori, Ward 12; George A. Tomlinson, Ward 13; Samuel Castleman, Ward 14; Charles Johnson, Ward 14; Daniel J. Coughlin, Jr., Ward 16; Frank J. Guaragna, Ward 16; Roland L. McDonald, Ward 16; Thomas J. Cunningham, Ward 17; Walter F. Arnold, Ward 18; Alfred Brymer, Ward 18; Maurice B. Callahan, Ward 18; Bruno O. Haas, Ward 18; John F. Kelliher, Ward 18; William V. Dorney, Ward 19; John J. McManus, Ward 19; Walter A. Thielsch, Ward 19; Joseph L. Williams, Ward 19; John C. Benker, Ward 20; George C. Fischer, Ward 20; William H. Hinekey, Ward 20; Ernest A. Price, Ward 20; John S. VanBael, Ward 20.

Thirty-one traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, Fifth Session, to appear December 1, 1930:

William H. Frizzell, Ward 1; James P. Buckley, Ward 2; John McNeice, Ward 2; Arthur Naylor, Ward 4; Charles W. Sealander, Ward 5; Thomas P. Fitzgerald, Ward 6; Henry L. Martin, Ward 10; Michael McCusker, Ward 10; James H. Ward, Ward 10; Thomas J. Madden, Ward 11; John W. O'Reilly, Ward 11; Abraham Schwartzman, Ward 14; James Walsh, Ward 15; John J. Ahern, Ward 16; Francis M. Gilrain, Ward 16; Thomas A. Kelley, Ward 17; Joseph D. Rich, Ward 17; Robert D. Roster, Ward 17; John W. White, Ward 17; Albert S. Hall, Ward 18; Benjamin R. Haskell, Ward 18; Henry Boone, Ward 19; Warren J. Mulrey, Ward 19; William N. Pascoe, Ward 20; Carl Berg, Ward 21; Walter L. Fiske, Ward 21; W. Frederick Coppinger, Ward 22; Robert J. Dickey, Ward 22; Michael J. Kerins, Ward 22; Walter J. O'Brien, Ward 22; Wesley P. Patnode, Ward 22.

Twenty-five traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, First Session, October Sitting, to appear December 1, 1930:

John E. Mulcahy, Ward 2; John A. Cronin, Ward 5; Philip English, Jr., Ward 5; Elmer H. Haun, Ward 7; Neal O'Connor, Ward 7; William H. Sullivan, Ward 8; Frank E. Wynne, Ward 8; Ralph R. McKay, Ward 9; Nicholas J. Mulcahy, Ward 10; Barnet H. Berely, Ward 11; Walter L. Dooley, Ward 11; Henry M. O'Brien, Ward 12; Edward Snyder, Ward 12; John Gart, Ward 14; James J. O'Brien, Ward 16; John J. O'Brien, Ward 16; Joseph O. Doble, Ward 17; Joseph P. Collins, Jr., Ward 19; Joseph L. McLaughlin, Ward 19; Robert Lawson, Ward 20; Earl W. Bryant, Ward 21; James F. Cody, Ward 21; Charles A. Horwitz, Ward 21; Harry C. Johnson, Ward 21; Thomas F. Russell, Ward 22.

Twenty-eight traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Second Session, October Sitting, to appear December 1, 1930:

William Patterson, Ward 2; John J. Sullivan, Ward 2; John B. Tucker, Ward 2; William A. O'Donnell, Ward 3; John F. O'Connell, Ward 6; Charles S. Holt, Ward 7; John Keefe, Ward 7; John J. Morley, Ward 7; James Tobin, Ward 10; Arthur D. Foss, Ward 11; Francis T. Power, Ward 11; Samuel L. MacHott, Ward 12; William B. Davern, Ward 13; Clement V. Picavet, Ward 13; Joseph P. Duffy, Ward 14; John V. Peard, Ward 14; Herbert O. Peterson, Ward 14; John J. Murphy, Ward 15; John T. Harrington, Ward 16; John H. Detert, Ward 18; John J. Doland, Ward 18; Edwin M. Charlton, Ward 19; Augustus F. Curtis, Ward 19; Frank B. Nute, Ward 19; Ralph L. Sabean, Ward 19; William F. Sweeney, Ward 19; William L. D'Entremont, Ward 20; Samuel Wax, Ward 21.

Twenty-seven traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Third Session, October Sitting, to appear December 1, 1930:

Daniel Shea, Jr., Ward 2; George T. Bacigalupo, Ward 3; John Marry, Ward 3; Walter P. Mulrey, Ward 6; Joseph F. Clougherty, Ward 7; Owen N. Duffy, Ward 8; Perley C. Graves, Ward 10; James L. Kingston, Jr., Ward 11; Thomas J. W. Shaw, Ward 11; Harry Alpert, Ward 12; Jacob L. Fishman, Ward 12; James F. McQuade, Ward 13; William A. Roche, Ward 14; Francis G. Shea, Ward 14; Jeremiah L. Murphy, Ward 15; William C. Rowe, Ward 15; William X. McKee, Ward 16; Ernest Shapiro, Ward 17; Thomas L. Bracken, Ward 18; Eugene Hayes, Ward 18; Matthew E. Comerford, Ward 19; William J. Newman, Ward

19; Harold C. Williams, Ward 20; Garrett B. Clark, Ward 21; Earle F. Lamprey, Ward 21; William J. Mercer, Ward 21; Edward J. Gould, Ward 22.

Twenty-nine traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Fourth Session, October Sitting, to appear December 1, 1930:

John L. Sullivan, Ward 1; Edward J. Flynn, Ward 2; Patrick J. Foley, Ward 3; John J. Sherry, Ward 3; Walter B. Littlefield, Ward 4; Frederick H. Laughrey, Ward 4; Joseph A. Marr, Ward 4; Thomas M. Sangster, Ward 4; Frank A. Black, Ward 5; Samuel A. Block, Ward 5; Thomas F. Bowers, Ward 5; Edward A. Williams, Ward 6; Frederick J. Gallagher, Ward 7; Timothy Hayes, Ward 7; William Chubb, Ward 8; James C. Connor, Ward 8; John R. McGrath, Ward 8; James G. King, Ward 9; Stephen Coyle, Ward 10; Frederick A. Durward, Ward 11; Charles Peterson, Ward 11; Charles S. Sundin, Ward 11; Vincent J. White, Ward 16; John A. Bracken, Ward 17; Frank H. Randall, Ward 18; John W. Maynard, Ward 20; William T. Austin, Ward 21; Harry W. Rascoe, Ward 21; Thomas P. Garvey, Ward 22.

Twenty-eight traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Fifth Session, October Sitting, to appear December 1, 1930:

Martin Banks, Ward 1; William W. Bradford, Ward 5; Percy R. Douglass, Ward 7; Henry McKenna, Ward 7; Thomas J. Carley, Ward 8; Richard Koch, Ward 8; Olof Anderson, Ward 11; Patrick E. Cain, Ward 11; Francis P. Cosgrove, Ward 12; Thomas A. Griffin, Ward 13; Harry Miller, Ward 14; Joseph R. Rosen, Ward 14; James B. O'Neil, Ward 15; Patrick Falvey, Ward 16; George K. Farley, Ward 16; Richard E. Goodale, Ward 16; Frank P. Crehan, Ward 17; Atwood Howard Crosby, Ward 17; John J. Roche, Ward 17; Gustaf O. Benson, Ward 18; Perley S. Vance, Ward 18; John Drummy, Ward 19; William H. Gately, Ward 19; Joseph A. Hailer, Ward 19; Chester R. Perry, Ward 21; Nicholas

D. Corbett, Ward 22; William G. Corbett, Ward 22; Henry F. McCormick, Ward 22.

Twenty-five traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Sixth Session, October Sitting, to appear December 1, 1930:

George J. Grace, Ward 1; William C. LePage, Ward 1; Grant R. Levine, Ward 3; Ralph M. Richardson, Ward 4; Joseph S. Galland, Ward 7; John J. McCarthy, Ward 7; Frederick M. Dailey, Ward 8; William V. MacKenzie, Ward 10; William F. Amon, Ward 12; George W. Cuddy, Ward 13; John J. Reagan, Ward 13; Edward C. Glynn, Ward 14; Edward B. Carty, Ward 15; Joseph M. Heffernan, Ward 15; John F. Barrett, Ward 16; Leslie C. Norton, Ward 16; Frank E. Flynn, Ward 17; Charles T. Hall, Ward 17; Frederick A. Fisher, Ward 18; Percival A. Littlefield, Ward 18; Sylvester J. Dade, Ward 19; Patrick W. Bowen, Ward 20; Herbert M. Dodge, Ward 20; Sidney E. Thorup, Ward 20; Warren A. Callahan, Ward 22.

Twenty-nine traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Seventh Session, October Sitting, to appear December 1, 1930:

Christopher D. Sullivan, Ward 1; Martin F. McDonnell, Ward 4; Edward R. Clarkson, Ward 6; Thomas F. Callahan, Ward 8; John T. Murphy, Ward 8; Michael C. Whalen, Ward 8; John L. Forrester, Ward 9; Charles W. Kelley, Ward 9; Abraham Wilfand, Ward 9; John J. Kelley, Ward 10; John M. Flaherty, Ward 11; John W. Walsh, Ward 11; Philip Bellotti, Ward 12; Miner O. Davison, Ward 12; Samuel Graff, Ward 12; Arthur J. Duhamel, Ward 15; William J. Ford, Ward 15; John P. Kerrigan, Ward 16; Laurence J. Monroe, Ward 16; Frank W. Gustafson, Ward 17; William P. McGuinness, Ward 18; Herbert L. Smith, Ward 18; Frank E. Webster, Ward 18; Paul A. Dunbar, Ward 19; Frank Kummel, Ward 19; Carl F. Leitige, Ward 19; Harry S. Trethewey, Ward 20; John J. Goode, Ward 22; Bernard J. Hurley, Ward 22.

Adjourned at 1.45 o'clock p. m.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, November 10, 1930.

Regular meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President LYNCH in the chair. Absent, Coun. Mahoney.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council the Mayor submitted appointments for the term ending April 30, 1931, viz.:

Constable: Michael J. Duggan, 83 Waltham street, Boston.

Weighers of Coal: Eva Rabinovitz, 80 Whittier street, Roxbury; Catherine M. Whitney, 432 Washington street, Dorchester; Bertha Karas, Ruggles street, Roxbury; Helen M. Hamilton, 51 Sawyer avenue, Dorchester.

Weighers of Goods: Robert P. Ochs, 131 Robbins street, Mattapan; James A. McIntosh, 10 Essex road, Mattapan; Charles V. Hurly, 312 Congress street, Boston.

Severally laid over for a week under the rule.

GRANOLITHIC SIDEWALKS — VETO.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 3, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I return herewith, without my signature, the order passed by your honorable body making a loan of \$50,000 for granolithic sidewalks.

It does not seem wise to further reduce the borrowing capacity of the city at the present time as it may be necessary, unless conditions materially improve, to make an emergency loan for Public Welfare Department and Soldiers' Relief Department.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

SALE OF POLICE BOAT "GUARDIAN."

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 10, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—Several attempts have been made without success, to sell at public auction the police boat "Guardian," which has been condemned by the United States Steamboat Inspectors. The upset price has been submitted at \$7,000; \$3,500; \$1,000 and no bids have been received at these prices.

I recommend the passage of the accompanying order for the sale of this boat at an upset price of \$700.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Police Commissioner be, and hereby is, authorized to sell at public auction the police boat "Guardian," at an upset price of \$700.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

APPROPRIATION FOR PRINTING DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 10, 1930.
To the City Council:

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the attached communication from the Superintendent of Printing in which he requests an additional appropriation of \$40,000 from the income of his department.

This additional appropriation is required because of extra work performed by the Printing Depart-

ment this year; partly on account of the Tercentenary Celebration and partly on account of extra work required by the School and other departments in the city.

I submit herewith an appropriation order for the desired amount and respectfully recommend adoption of this order by your honorable body.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Printing Department, November 7, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—On account of extraordinary expenses far in excess of previous years, caused by extra work for the Tercentenary and for the printing of special publications, I would respectfully request that there be appropriated \$40,000 from the unexpended balance to cover these expenses for the balance of the year, the same to be distributed as follows:

B- 1, Ruling and Binding.....	\$14,000 00
E-13, General Plant.....	18,000 00
G- 3, Stationery.....	3,000 00
G- 4, Postage.....	5,000 00
	<u>\$40,000 00</u>

In explanation of this necessity, your Honor is respectfully advised that this year we have executed an unusual amount of work partly on account of Tercentenary celebrations and partly on account of extra work required by the School and other city departments.

Of course the above amount, when paid for by the various departments contracting for the extra work, will again return to the credit of the Printing Department, as it will be included in the current year's revenue and should offset the extra expenditure for stock, etc.

On the items of postage and stationery, both are furnished to the various departments of the city and County on requisitions. The extra quantity on each of these simply reflects the additional requirements of the various departments, as the price of postage is always the same and the price of stationery has not increased over previous years.

Respectfully,

WILLIAM J. CASEY,
Superintendent of Printing.

Ordered, That to meet the current expense payable during the financial year beginning with the first day of January, 1930, the additional sum of \$40,000 be, and the same hereby is, appropriated from the income of the Printing Department for the following purposes:

Printing Department.

B-1, Printing and Binding.....	\$14,000 00
E-13, General Plant.....	18,000 00
G-3, Stationery.....	3,000 00
G-4, Postage.....	5,000 00

Referred to the Executive Committee.

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, CITY HOSPITAL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 29, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—It is anticipated that the new Administration Building at the City Hospital will be ready for occupancy on or about the first of the new year.

I have been advised by the Board of Trustees that an appropriation of approximately \$40,000 will be required to furnish and equip the building. I accordingly submit herewith a loan order for this purpose and respectfully recommend its adoption by your honorable body.

In order that there may be no delay in the opening of this building, I suggest immediate consideration of this order by your honorable body.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the sum of \$40,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated to be expended by the Trustees of the Boston City Hospital for new Administration Building, Furnishing and Equipping, and that to

meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC SIGNALS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 4, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I beg to return herewith communication received from the Traffic Commissioner, with reference to the order adopted by your honorable body on October 27, 1930, relative to the installation of automatic traffic signals at the junction of Huntington avenue, Tremont, Francis and Calumet streets, Ward 10.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, November 1, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I am returning herewith City Council order dated October 27, 1930, which reads as follows:

"Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an automatic traffic signal at the junction of Huntington avenue, Tremont, Francis and Calumet streets, Ward 10."

You are respectfully informed that it is very desirable that signal lights should be placed at this intersection. In the forthcoming annual report a reference will be made to the wisdom of appropriating a sum of money for extending signal lights at various intersections throughout the city.

Respectfully yours,
JOSEPH A. CONRY, Commissioner.
Placed on file.

SALARIES OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 10, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—Under the provisions of chapter 348, Acts of 1930, which was accepted by the voters of Boston at the recent state election, the salary of members of the City Council has been increased from \$1,500 to \$2,000 per annum.

Since this increase was not provided for in the original budget, it is now necessary to make a transfer of funds to provide for the additional compensation due members of the Council for the balance of the year.

I submit herewith an order providing for the transfer of the necessary amount from the Reserve Fund and respectfully recommend adoption of this order by your honorable body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer:

From the appropriation for Reserve Fund, \$1,711.16, to the appropriation for City Council, A-1, Permanent Employees, Members of the City Council, 22 at \$1,500 (\$2,000) a year, \$1,711.16.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

SLEEPING QUARTERS IN EMERGENCY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 29, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—Replying to the order adopted by your honorable body under date of October 27, 1930, and reading as follows:

"Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to direct the Superintendent of Public Buildings to make ready for use as sleeping quarters during any emergency which may arise during the present unemployment crisis the municipal buildings in the congested centers of the city, and

that he authorize the Overseers of the Public Welfare to serve food at such buildings during such emergency."

I beg to state that fortunately for the municipality and the citizenship, the emergency of which this order treats does not obtain at the present time and, I trust, will not obtain at any future date and, in the event that it does, you may rest assured that the necessary means of providing adequate and humane consideration for the needs of the unfortunate will be undertaken without delay and regardless of cost.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.
Placed on file.

OPENING OF PLACES OF REGISTRATION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 29, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—Replying to the order adopted by your honorable body under date of October 27, 1930, and reading as follows:

"Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to open places of registration for the unemployed of the city in each of the twenty-two wards, and that he direct the Overseers of the Public Welfare to be prepared to supply fuel to all destitute families."

I beg to state that the city has maintained for a period of eight years an employment bureau, which has functioned in a most satisfactory manner and that no good cause would be served by advertising to the world that it was necessary to open up twenty-two separate places of registration for the unemployed of the city. Consequently, I do not favor doing same.

With reference to supplying fuel and other requirements to destitute families, to the present time no complaints have been received at this office of the failure upon the part of the Overseers of the Public Welfare to comply with requests that are legitimate and proper.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.
Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY INVESTIGATORS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 29, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—Replying to the order adopted by your honorable body under date of October 27, 1930, and reading as follows:

"Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to appoint twelve temporary investigators in the Department of Public Welfare for service during the present unemployment emergency."

I beg to state that the Department of Public Welfare informs me that arrangements will be made at once for the appointment of such additional temporary investigators as may be necessary, but, instead of appointing twelve, the Board state that they desire fifteen temporary investigators and this recommendation is based on a recommendation covering a period of more than one year and to the order I have assented.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.
Placed on file.

RELIEF OF UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 29, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—Replying to the order adopted by your honorable body under date of October 27, 1930, and reading as follows:

"Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor, be requested to call a conference of himself, his Excellency the Governor, the members of the Boston School Committee, and the members of the School Buildings Commission, with a view, to relieving the present unemployment situation."

I beg to state that I attended a meeting called by

his Excellency the Governor this day, but called by his Excellency rather than myself, because of the superior position which he occupies.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

• USE OF MACHINERY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 29, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—Replying to the order adopted by your honorable body under date of October 27, 1930, and reading as follows:

"Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to instruct heads of departments to insert a clause in all contracts that during the period of unemployment emergency all public works shall be done by manual labor and that no machinery shall be used."

I beg to state that the best minds in the world are today endeavoring to solve the problem of the "Vanishing Job" and to the present without success.

There is no means of determining what the ultimate decision will be. My personal viewpoint is that a federal law should be adopted limiting the operation of automatic machinery, but I am inclined to the opinion that the courts would construe it as unconstitutional. There is no way to justify general approval of the order adopted by your honorable body and were it approved there is no way in which its provisions could be honestly lived up to other than on a certain character of work, namely, snow removal, and upon this work in the specifications that were submitted and upon which bids will be received, provision was made for snow removal by automatic loaders and an alternate proposition for removal by hand shoveling. Personally, if I controlled the elements and could determine the amount of snow that would fall at a given storm in advance during the winter and provided I could be assured no fall of snow would go over eighteen inches, I would make immediate preparations that the work be done by hand. Unfortunately, however, with a fall of snow three feet in depth, it would be necessary to use snow loaders in order that the citizens in the home might be furnished with fuel, and food and other necessities, and until such time as one can determine the fall of snow in a given winter in advance it is impossible to apply this theory even to this limited avenue for unemployment.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

DISTRIBUTION OF RELIEF IN CASH.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 29, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—Replying to the order adopted by your honorable body under date of October 27, 1930, and reading as follows:

"Ordered, That the Overseers of Public Welfare be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to distribute relief in all cases in cash instead of grocery orders, to increase its corps of investigators to take care of the increased demands, and to advance temporary relief at once pending investigation."

I beg to state that in all cases where in the opinion of the Public Welfare Board the money will be expended for the requirements of the family, cash is paid. In cases where there is a possibility that the payment of cash might be helpful to agencies other than the wife and the children in the home, food is furnished, and, with reference to temporary relief pending investigation, this custom has always been observed.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

BLANKETS AT WAYFARERS' LODGE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 29, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—Replying to the order adopted by

your honorable body under date of October 27, 1930, and reading as follows:

"Ordered, That the Overseers of the Public Welfare be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to have the blankets used in the sleeping quarters at the Wayfarer's Lodge washed at least once a month."

It is hardly necessary to go into details as to the regulations and practices at the Wayfarers' Lodge. It is administered in a strictly sanitary and humane manner. The public introduction in the City Council of an order which intimates that unsanitary conditions exist, an order which proper inquiry would show to be unnecessary, is, to say the least, not calculated to be of assistance in dealing with the present situation.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

CONTRIBUTION TO UNEMPLOYMENT FUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 29, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—Replying to the order adopted by your honorable body under date of October 27, 1930, and reading as follows:

"Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to consider the matter of requesting from each employee of the City of Boston a donation of one cent per month for each dollar received in salary as a contribution to an unemployment fund during the coming winter period, to be administered by the Overseers of the Public Welfare."

I beg to state that the proposition that each individual employed by the City of Boston contribute one cent per month for each dollar received in salary to an unemployment fund during the coming winter period is in the nature of double taxation, for the reason that the amounts made available this year for the maintenance of the various relief agencies are as follows:

Long Island Hospital.....	\$775,589 84
Child Welfare.....	256,219 53
Boston Sanatorium.....	1,011,884 97
City Hospital.....	3,601,098 67
Public Welfare.....	3,255,457 33
Temporary Home.....	13,715 00
Wayfarers' Lodge.....	20,840 00
Soldiers' Relief.....	503,462 82
Total.....	\$9,438,268 16

The population of the city is approximately 780,000 persons and the increased tax is so apportioned that the burden per capita approximates one dollar each month upon every man, woman and child in the entire City of Boston, or the equivalent for a family of five of \$60 per annum and, in my opinion, under the circumstances, there is no way of justifying a further levy and it is extremely doubtful, despite the generosity that animates city employees, if it could be collected.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 29, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—Replying to the order adopted by your honorable body under date of October 27, 1930, and reading as follows:

"Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to consider the matter of requesting the public service corporations of Boston to request their employees to donate one cent per month for each dollar received in salary for a contribution to an unemployment fund during the coming winter period, to be administered by the Overseers of the Public Welfare."

I beg to state, as I have previously pointed out in another communication, that it is the duty of society as a whole to provide for the needs of the less fortunate in the community and, were the unfortunates required to wait for the collection of funds contributed by the charitable, the probability is that the money thus donated would be paid to an undertaker rather than a purveyor of food.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.
Severally placed on file.

NOONTIME LUNCH.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 29, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—Replying to the order adopted by your honorable body under date of October 27, 1930, and reading as follows:

"Ordered, That the Overseers of Public Welfare be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to consider immediate plans for the issuance of a noontime lunch at the Hawkins street headquarters."

I beg to state that I am informed by the Overseers of the Public Welfare that the needs of every family in the home making application for assistance are investigated and provision made in conformity with the requirements, that no worthy or needy case is neglected, and I am further informed that it is customary for any single individual, male or female, requiring lodging and food to not only receive suitable and proper lodging at the Hawkins street building but, in addition, to receive breakfast and medical attention, if necessary, and without charge. In the case of women, the full three meals are provided.

I am satisfied that the money available for the department is being expended and will continue to be expended to the best possible advantage for the relief of the poor, and that indiscriminate free lunches would require money that could better be spent for relieving poverty in the homes.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

GUARANTY BY CONTRACTORS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 29, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—Replying to the order adopted by your honorable body under date of October 27, 1930, and reading as follows:

"Ordered, That the various department heads of the city, through his Honor the Mayor, be, and they hereby are, requested to include in all future contracts for construction work a definite provision that the successful bidder must guarantee to commence actual construction work within ten days of the award of any bid, and that only citizen labor shall be employed."

I beg to state that the policy adopted by the various department heads of the city has been to limit the number of contracts awarded to bidders upon work and this policy has made possible the operation of a larger number of contracts during a given time, and during the last year many times over that of previous years.

The policy has worked out admirably and shall be continued and so far as citizen labor receiving preference is concerned the law provides this and so far as it is humanly possible we are endeavoring to live up to the law.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

PUBLIC SUBSCRIPTION FOR UNEMPLOYMENT FUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 29, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—Replying to the order adopted by your honorable body under date of October 20, 1930, and reading as follows:

"Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to appoint a committee of business, industrial and labor leaders of the City of Boston to consider the advisability of raising, by popular subscription, the sum of two million dollars, said sum to be applied to the relief of the present acute and unprecedented unemployment situation, and to be placed at the disposal of the said committee, which shall be strictly accountable to his Honor the Mayor for its proper disbursement."

I beg to state that at a conference held at the office of the Mayor today, at which were present the entire Board of Overseers of the Public Welfare, the subject matter as outlined in the order adopted

was considered. It was the consensus of opinion of those present that the City of Boston holds a unique position among the cities of America in dealing with the needs of the unemployed, through the instrumentality of its Public Welfare Department. The industrial depression that has been in evidence during the present year and the means necessary to meet the condition resulting therefrom was anticipated when the budget was submitted in March and a sufficient sum was provided to meet such conditions as might be necessary to provide for the needy of the city, the theory under which this program was established being that since the individual is not responsible for industrial conditions that deprive the worker of an opportunity for securing the employment necessary to provide for the needs of his family, that it should be met by taxation rather than depending upon the questionable generosity of the public who, unfortunately, are not always interested in the welfare of their fellowman.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

APPROPRIATION FOR UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, October 29, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—Replying to the order adopted by your honorable body under date of October 20, 1930, and reading as follows:

"Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to include in the budget for 1931 the sum of one million dollars to be used for the relief of unemployment, such sum to be in addition to the amounts provided for the Overseers of the Public Welfare and the Soldiers' Relief Department."

I beg to state that the sum of one million dollars would be of unquestionable value in meeting the needs to which you refer. The probability is that many times that amount will be required and a construction program calling for a total expenditure approximating thirty millions of dollars will, I trust, be in full and complete operation long before the budget is adopted by your honorable body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

TRANSFERS WITHIN DEPARTMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 10, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the attached requests for transfers within departmental appropriations, and respectfully recommend adoption of the accompanying orders.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Building Department:

From the appropriation for C-4, Motor Vehicles, \$500, to the appropriation for B-14, Motor Vehicles, Repairs and Care, \$50; D-1, Office, \$450.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Board of Appeal:

From the appropriation for C-10, Library, \$150, to the appropriation for B-3, Advertising, \$100; D-1, Postage, \$50.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Collecting Department:

From the appropriation for A-3, Unassigned, \$500, to the appropriation for D-2, Food and Ice, \$500.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and

hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Fire Department:

From the appropriation for D-3, Fuel, \$600, to the appropriation for B-18, Cleaning, \$600.

From the appropriation for C-3, Fuel, \$2,000, to the appropriation for C-13, Tools and Instruments, \$2,000.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Hospital Department, Sanatorium Division:

From the appropriation for F-13, Industries, \$700, to the appropriation for B-5, Cartage and Freight, \$50; D-13, Chemicals and Disinfectants, \$50; D-16, General Plant, \$300; E-10, Electrical, \$300.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Institutions Department, Central Office:

From the appropriation for B-22, Medical, \$400, to the appropriation for D-11, Motor Vehicle, \$300; B-14, Motor Vehicle, Repairs and Care, \$100.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Institutions Department, Long Island Hospital:

From the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, \$1,100, to the appropriation for B-3, Advertising and Posting, \$100; C-4, Motor Vehicles, \$1,000.

From the appropriation for C-12, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory, \$1,600, to the appropriation for D-5, Medical, Surgical, Laboratory, \$1,500; D-13, Chemicals and Disinfectants, \$100.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Law Department:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Assistant Corporation Counsel 1 (3) (4) at \$5,000 a year, \$120.35, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, stenographer, 1 at \$900 a year, \$120.35.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Library Department:

From the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, \$890, to the appropriation for B-4, Transportation of persons, \$250; B-13, Communication, \$550; B-18, Cleaning, \$90.

From the appropriation for C-17, General Plant, \$200, to the appropriation for C-8, Educational and Recreational, \$200.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Public Welfare Department, Central Office:

From the appropriation for Central Office, B-39, General Plant, \$1,000, to the appropriation for D-1, Office, \$1,000.

From the appropriation for Central Office, B-1, Printing and Binding, \$100; B-8, Light and Power, \$50, to the appropriation for B-13, Communication, \$150.

From the appropriation for Central Office, B-8, Light and Power, \$50, to the appropriation for D-8, Laundry, Cleaning, etc., \$50.

From the appropriation for Central Office, D-13, Fuel, \$1,000; C-3, Electrical, \$100; Wayfarers' Lodge, B-39, General Plant, \$265.60, to the appropriation for A-2, Temporary Employees, \$1,365.60.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Public Welfare Department, Temporary Home:

From the appropriation for D-2, Food and Ice, \$20, to the appropriation for D-13, Chemicals and Disinfectants, \$20.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby

is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Public Works Department, Bridge Service:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Drawtenders, 14 at \$2,000 a year, \$895.68, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Draftsman, Architectural, 1 at \$2,300 a year, \$100; Engineers, Assistant, 3 (4) at \$3,000 to \$3,800 a year, \$118.16; Inspectors, 3 at \$1,900 to \$2,300 a year, \$395.52; Mechanics, 21 at \$6 a day, \$282.

From the appropriation for B-8, Light, Heat, Power, \$375, to the appropriation for B-4, Transportation of Persons, \$100; B-13, Communication, \$75; E-10, Electrical, \$200.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Public Works Department, Ferry Service:

From the appropriation for A-3, Unassigned, \$500; B-8, Light, Heat and Power, \$1,500, to the appropriation for A-2, Temporary Employees, \$2,000.

From the appropriation for B-8, Light, Heat and Power, \$200, to the appropriation for B-1, Printing and Binding, \$200.

From the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, \$150, to the appropriation for D-1, Office, \$150.

From the appropriation for D-3, Fuel, \$500, to the appropriation for D-16, General Plant, \$500.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Captains, 12 at \$51 a week, \$442; Engineers, 12 at \$50 a week, \$111; Laborers, Janitors, etc., 15 at \$5 a day, \$307; Matrons, 8 at \$22 a week, \$196, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Deckhands, 26 at \$5.25 a day, \$1,056.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Mechanics, 13 at \$6 a day, \$507, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Machinists, Marine, 8 at \$7 a day, \$507.

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Mechanics, 13 at \$6 a day, \$328; Quartermasters, 12 at \$7 a day, \$256; Tollmen and Gatemen, 29 at \$5.50 a day, \$603, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Oilers and Firemen, 46 at \$41.50 a week, \$1,187.

From the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, \$800, to the appropriation for C-11, Marine, \$800.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Public Works Department, Lighting Service:

From the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, \$10, to the appropriation for B-4, Transportation of Persons, \$10.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Public Works Department, Paving Service:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Laborers, Feeders, Mechanics Assistants, etc., 425 (419) at \$5 a day, \$7,900, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Mechanics, 133 at \$5 to \$6 a day, \$4,700; Subforemen, 22 at \$1,600 to \$2,100 a year, \$1,700; Engineer-in-charge, Assistant, 1 at \$3,200-\$3,300 a year, \$150; Engineers, Senior, 8 (9) at \$2,800 to \$3,100 a year, \$850; Engineers, Junior, 9 at \$2,200 to \$2,700 a year, \$300; Rodmen, 4 at \$1,100 to \$1,600 a year, \$200.

From the appropriation for A-3, Unassigned, \$10,000, to the appropriation for A-2, Temporary, \$10,000.

From the appropriation for F-7, Pensions and Annuities, \$1,000, to the appropriation for C-13, Tools and Instruments, \$1,000.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Public Works Department, Sanitary Service:

From the appropriation for B-6, Hire of Teams and Auto Trucks, \$407.12, to the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Deputy Supervisor, 1 (0) at \$3,500 a year, \$28.77; C-17, General Plant, \$200; D-2, Food and Ice, \$25; D-8, Laundry, Cleaning, Toilet, \$50; D-13, Chemical and Disin-

fectants, \$75; A-1, Permanent Employees, Clerks, 2 at \$1,500-\$1,600 a year, \$28.35.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893, the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Public Works Department, Sewer Service:

From the appropriation for D-3, Fuel, \$4,365, to the appropriation for B-1, Printing and Binding, \$65; B-42, Repairing Streets, \$500; C-4, Motor Vehicles, \$3,300; C-17, General Plant, \$500.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Public Works Department, Water Division:

From the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, \$10,000, to the appropriation for B-42, Repairing Streets, \$10,000.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Registry Department:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Assistant City Registrar, 1 at \$2,600-\$2,900 a year, \$137.17; Clerk, 1 at \$1,250-\$1,350 a year, \$192.02, to the appropriation for A-2, Temporary Employees, \$329.19.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Suffolk County Courthouse, Custodian:

From the appropriation for A-1, Permanent Employees, Cleaners, 15 at \$18 a week, \$135, to the appropriation for A-2, Temporary Employees, \$135.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Superior Court, Criminal Session:

From the appropriation for B-34, Jurors, \$3,000, to the appropriation for B-29, Stenographic, Copying and Indexing, \$3,000.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Registry of Deeds:

From the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, \$70, to the appropriation for B-13, Communication, \$70.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Penal Institutions Department, House of Correction:

From the appropriation for C-3, Electrical, \$500, to the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, \$500.

From the appropriation for D-10, Agricultural, \$100, to the appropriation for D-13, Chemical and Disinfectants, \$100.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Superior Court, Criminal Session:

From the appropriation for B-34, Jurors, \$3,000, to the appropriation for B-29, Stenographic, Copying and Indexing, \$3,000.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Registry of Deeds:

From the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, \$70, to the appropriation for B-13, Communication, \$70.

Ordered, That under authority of chapter 261 of the Acts of 1893 the City Auditor be, and hereby is, authorized to make the following transfer in the appropriations for Penal Institutions Department, House of Correction:

From the appropriation for C-3, Electrical, \$500, to the appropriation for B-39, General Plant, \$500.

From the appropriation for D-10, Agricultural, \$100, to the appropriation for D-13, Chemical and Disinfectants, \$100.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PETITIONS RECEIVED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Sonik Andersen, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

Mrs. Helen R. Cashion, for compensation for damage to car by ash truck.

Alfred F. DeScenza, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Chardon street.

Isabel Derby, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in West Concord street.

Ervine Transportation, for compensation for damage to truck by city truck.

Delia Erwin, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 187 Western avenue.

W. Arthur Evans, for refund on refuse tickets.

Mrs. Ida General, for compensation for damage to property at 1302 Dorchester avenue, caused by leak in water pipe.

Joseph Jacobson, for refund on refuse tickets.

Frank H. Lane, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at 60 Beech street, West Roxbury.

C. Leo McCarthy, for compensation for damage to clothing caused by post set in ground.

Mrs. Grace M. Moore, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Bowdoin square.

G. F. A. Muleahy, for compensation for damage to clothing by fire engine.

James H. Murray, for compensation for injuries to son caused by being struck by city truck.

Michael C. O'Donnell, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

Evelyn H. Pickard, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Milton street, Readville.

Catherine Prendergast, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Faneuil street.

Philip Richenburg *et al.*, for compensation for damage to car by city car.

Jeanie Ritchie, for compensation for damage to car by city car.

Leo E. Thain, for compensation for damage to car by city car.

Mrs. Catherine A. Toomey, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Atlantic avenue.

Executive.

Petition of Boston Elevated Railway to operate motor vehicles between junction of L and East First streets and the junction of O and East First streets over East First street, South Boston.

Petition of Rose E. Sidman for children to appear at Sarah Greenwood School November 25.

Committee on Jitney Licenses.

Petition of Boston Elevated Railway to operate motor vehicles between Fields Corner and Uphams Corner, over Geneva avenue, Park street, Dorchester avenue, Peabody square, Talbot avenue, Washington street, Bowdoin street, Hancock street, Pleasant street, Stoughton street; return over Uphams Corner, Columbia road, Hancock street, Bowdoin street, Washington street, Talbot avenue, Peabody square, and Dorchester avenue, from Ashmont Station to Fields Corner Station.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS PAY ROLL.

The pay roll of the Registry of Deeds, amounting to \$4,850.52, for regular employees from November 1 to 15, inclusive, was received and approved.

SALARIES OF CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS.

Notice was received from the Board of Election Commissioners that the vote on the question "Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year 1930 entitled 'An Act relative to the salaries

of the members of the City Council of the city of Boston be accepted?" was as follows:

Yes—77,441.
No—42,417.
Blanks—89,241.
Placed on file.

RESIGNATION OF RALPH E. THOMPSON.

Notice was received from the Mayor of resignation of Ralph E. Thompson as a member of the Board of Zoning Adjustment.
Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT.

Notice was received from the Mayor of appointment of B. Preston Clark, of 171 Marlborough street, to be a member of the Board of Zoning Adjustment, for the term expiring April 30, 1932.
Placed on file.

CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The constable's bond of Louis N. Kaiser, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, was received and approved.

RESIGNATION OF ISRAEL SPECTOR.

Notice was received from the Mayor of the resignation of Israel Spector, of 9 Drummond street, Dorchester, as a constable.
Placed on file.

ACCEPTANCE OF STILLMAN PLACE.

Coun. FITZGERALD offered the following:
Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept Stillman place, Ward 3, as a public highway.
Passed under suspension of the rule.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Coun. KELLY, for Coun. Mahoney, for the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, submitted report recommending passage of order for payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the City of Boston for the month of November, 1930.
Report accepted; said order passed.

SIDEWALKS IN CHARLESTOWN.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:
Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Elm street, both sides, from High street to Medford street, Ward 2, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Baldwin street, both sides, from Main street to Medford street, Ward 2, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

SPECIAL SESSION OF LEGISLATURE.

Coun. DOWD offered the following:
Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to call upon the Governor of the Commonwealth to convene the Legislature in special

session, for the purpose (1) of providing sufficient money to relieve the present unemployment crisis, and (2) to authorize the Civil Service Commission to suspend its rules during this emergency.

Coun. DOWD—Mr. President, in view of the several veto messages that his Honor the Mayor has sent up to us this afternoon in regard to orders passed by this body dealing with the unemployment situation, it would seem that one must have some courage to shoot in additional orders having in mind the relieving of the situation. I regret exceedingly that I must disagree with his Honor the Mayor when he says that the time has not yet arrived to provide for immediate relief of the poor of Boston. Certainly Boston can be in no better shape in that respect than the city of New York, where Mayor Walker has seen fit to provide out of the taxpayers' money \$2,000,000, which will enable 2,500 additional men to be placed temporarily at work cleaning up the streets and parks. I wonder how that position can be taken by anybody, in view of the 7,548 names on the list of civil service would-be employees, men anxious to get any kind of work which will enable them to obtain a livelihood. I certainly disagree with his Honor the Mayor and with the Public Welfare Board, and I charge that that board is deliberately lying or ducking when they inform the Mayor that the poor of Boston are being taken care of today. It was only the other day that we had the Board of Overseers before us, and they admitted that it took ten to twelve days for their people to investigate cases. Certainly, in face of that fact, it cannot be claimed that temporary relief is being taken care of. I say it is temporary starvation. I am glad that it has been decided at least to put on fifteen temporary men in that department. If the Committee on Unemployment shall accomplish nothing else, we will at least have placed fifteen men at work in the Overseeing of the Poor Department. The President of the United States says that the situation is a serious one, and he is going to ask Congress for an additional amount of money to place men at work. If you go out to the city of Newton, you will find that they have appropriated \$150,000 of the taxpayers' money to put 650 men at work cleaning the streets and parks. But in Boston what has been done to relieve the situation? I say that not one step forward has been taken, despite what we hear about great projects, and I say to you, Mr. President, and to the Council, that Colonel Sullivan, the chairman of the Transit Board, at a meeting last Thursday told us very plainly that the East Boston Tunnel would not get under way until next June or July, when, at the most, it would put 500 or 600 men at work. We hear talk about the new school program. That will not get under way until next May or June. In the meantime, what are the people of Boston to do? We don't want soup or bread lines if they can be avoided by the furnishing of employment, but three local agencies in the last few days have opened their doors, and there are soup lines here at the present time. Then, of course, there is trouble, and there is going to be a great deal more trouble about lack of coal. We don't always hear about it, for the simple reason that the average decent citizen would rather freeze to death than go down to that hell hole that we call the wood yard, to get half a ton of coal. The Governor of the Commonwealth says it is a serious situation, and he has called together the great minds of the state in order to try to relieve the unemployment situation. I say that this is a critical time in the history of Boston. Action should not be postponed until next June or July. Now is the time to meet the situation and to protect the people for the next three or four months. The order I have introduced simply calls upon his Honor the Mayor to request his Excellency the Governor to call a special meeting of the Legislature. If we haven't the money that will enable us to place men at work, the Legislature can help us in that respect. Also, there can be a change made in the present civil service rules. At the present time, as Colonel Goodwin acknowledges, there is considerable delay before anything can be done. But the Legislature, if in session, can remedy that difficulty, and can inform the arrogant Civil Service Commissioner that he must suspend the rules so that men with six, seven or eight children will be given an opportunity to work.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

NONPAYMENT OF GAS AND ELECTRIC BILLS.

Coun. DOWD offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to call upon the Governor of the Commonwealth to direct the Public Utilities Commission to ask the Boston Consolidated Gas Company and the Edison Electric Illuminating Company to refrain from shutting off gas and electricity, respectively, for nonpayment of bills, for a period of four months.

Coun. DOWD—Mr. President, if there are any companies that can well stand a little extra strain under the present situation, they are the public utility companies. I see no reason at the present time why the Boston Consolidated Gas Company, which pays its dividends right along regularly, and the Edison Electric Company, which also pays dividends to its stockholders, cannot, in view of the present acute situation, help out in the way suggested by this order. I therefore request in the order that his Honor the Mayor call on his Excellency the Governor to direct the Public Utilities Commission to ask the Edison Company and the Gas Company not to shut off electric light or gas from the poor and needy people for the next three or four months.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

AILING FAMILIES—CHANGE IN PROCEDURE.

Coun. DOWD offered the following:

Ordered, That the Overseers of the Public Welfare be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to direct their visitors to discontinue the practice of having warrants for arrest of men applied for before their families are allowed to receive aid.

Coun. DOWD—Mr. President, as indicated by the order which has just been read, it is proposed that the Overseers of Public Welfare be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to direct their visitors to discontinue the practice of having warrants for arrest of men applied for before their families are allowed to receive aid. A parent, for instance, will have a son over twenty, or a woman will have a husband, whose whereabouts is unknown, and who cannot be readily reached. Still, under the present system, they are asked to apply for a warrant for arrest before they can receive aid. Many times the mother or the wife does not know where the son or the husband is located. He may be in Boston or may be in New York. I wonder if any of the gentlemen who conduct the Public Welfare Department would like to have relations of theirs put to that trouble before any assistance can be obtained. I say it is about time that the Department of Public Welfare desisted from that kind of work.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

CLEANING OF STREETS AND ALLEYS.

Coun. DOWD offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to place at work one thousand men for a temporary period of sixty days, to be engaged in cleaning the public streets and alleyways throughout the city.

Coun. DOWD—Mr. President, under this order I am asking his Honor the Mayor to place at work immediately 1,000 men to clean the streets and alleyways of Boston, and I don't think there is a councilor here who will disagree with me when I say that the streets and ways of Boston need a thorough going over at the present time. I say that if a thousand men are placed at work, as proposed, it may assist very much in relieving the situation and lessen the work that will otherwise have to be done by the Department of Public Welfare and the Soldiers' Relief Department. The taxpayers of Boston are willing, in my opinion, that men should be put at work in this way to clean the streets and alleyways throughout the city. And they should be cleaned, Mr. President. This will help to tide 1,000 men over the Christmas holidays. I certainly hope and trust that the Mayor of Boston will see fit to place 1,000 men at work in this way immediately.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, with much that the councilor from Roxbury has proposed I do not

wholly agree, but I think there is much merit in this last order, when we bear in mind facts that have been brought out before the Unemployment Committee within the last week or so. When we realize that 1,000 or 2,000 men are required to continually apply to the Wayfarers' Lodge for a chance to saw wood, and that they have to prove that they haven't any work, and when we consider the trouble they are put to and the difficulty of getting something out of it that will help to relieve their needs, it seems to me that such action as here proposed, if put into effect, as suggested by the councilor from Roxbury, might well be an excellent idea. In other words, instead of having 1,000 or 2,000 men checking in twice a day for \$3 a week at the coal and wood yard, it might not be a bad suggestion to have some of these men, who now receive aid from the Public Welfare or the Soldiers' Relief, put at work on the streets and alleyways of the city.

Coun. BUSH—Mr. President, I think myself that the suggestion of the gentleman from Roxbury (Coun. Dowd) is a very excellent one. It seems to me that in the past there has been a divided authority in the matter of cleaning the streets. The power sweepers are under the direction of the Sanitary Department, while the streets that they are unable to work on with the power sweepers, in the suburbs, are generally done by hand work, and usually done by employees of the Cleaning Department. Now, it happens that the employees of the Cleaning Department are working on resurfacing streets in the summer time, and have very little time to give to the cleaning of the streets in the suburban sections. As a matter of fact, the streets in the suburban sections of the city are not cleaned more than once a year, and frequently the cleaning is not done that often in some sections. It would, therefore, be a very good idea to put these men at work in those sections of the city, cleaning up the streets. The streets and ways are overrun with rubbish and leaves all over the city, and the cleaning as proposed in this order would be a very excellent idea, and would also furnish work to the unemployed.

Coun. GREEN—Mr. President, I might say for the information of the chairman of the Committee on Unemployment that almost every city yard in Boston is unmanned at the present time, just as Councilor Bush has very well said. In the Charlestown paving yard where they had seventy-five men at one time, there are seven men now trying to do the work required in resurfacing streets. Certainly something should be done immediately, and I trust that the order will pass.

Coun. HEIN—Mr. President, I think it is not important to start on the streets alone. I think the sewers also might well be attended to. On Commonwealth avenue every time we have a storm there is a flood. Sometimes there is a foot of water. The result is, that being a very busy thoroughfare, that we have a number of accidents there. Several have been brought to my attention in the last few weeks. If you call on the Park Department to do something, they are busy. They keep a Ford truck in Franklin Park, which leaves there at 8.30 in the morning, arriving in Brighton at nine, which then leaves Brighton at 11.30 and comes back at 1.30, and leaves at 4.30 p. m. for the day. In the wintertime, if they have snow and ice on the hill, they have to send to Franklin Park, and by the time help arrives there have probably been accidents. So I think it is high time that something should be done along the line of increasing the facilities of the Brighton yard immediately.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

ANNUITY TO WIDOW OF JOHN J. CARMODY.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That an annuity of \$600 be allowed and paid to the widow of John J. Carmody, late member of the Fire Department, who died from injuries received in the performance of his duty, such annuity to continue so long as said widow remains unmarried, and to be charged to the appropriation for Fire Department, Pensions and Annuities.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

CENTURY OF PROGRESS EXPOSITION.

Coun. HEIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commercial, Industrial and Publicity Bureau, through his Honor the Mayor, be, and said department hereby is, respectfully requested to advise the City Council as follows:

1. The terms of the contract and business arrangements for the Century of Progress Exposition to be held at Columbus Park next June.

2. The manner in which profits are to be divided if said exposition is operated at a profit, and the manner in which the deficit is to be paid if said exposition is operated with a resulting deficit.

3. The authority for and terms of the lease of land of the city for the purpose of said exposition.

Coun. HEIN—Mr. President, in the first place, let me say that I understand a private company is promoting this undertaking and if it is a private company, why should this beautiful park over there, a park on which thousands of dollars have been spent for improvements, be used for this exposition? In the second place, Mr. President, I understand that the lumber to be used is coming from the West Coast and not from New England, where the people would be glad to sell it at a cheaper price. Furthermore, they had something of the sort in Philadelphia years ago, involving a cost of millions of dollars, and the taxpayers are paying for it yet, and paying continually. I think this is certainly a matter that should be looked into, at least.

Coun. McGRATH—Mr. President, I have not the slightest objection to the councilor obtaining the information he desires in answer to the questions he asks. But I think we had better let it stand right there, obtaining the answers to the questions before going any further. It seems to me that this proposed exposition, as I have read about it in the papers, would be something that would stimulate business in the City of Boston and New England, and until such time as we find something to the contrary I feel that we had better go rather slow in the matter of placing obstacles in the path. We hear a great deal about the present business depression and, with the administration taking the initiative in creating a situation that may very likely result in bringing business to our city, I feel that this body ought to go on record for instead of against such a plan. I understand that the order may not have originated with the councilor, as I saw awhile ago that the Good Government Association had recently come to life and was attempting, in this time of business depression, to prevent something of this sort, which might result in an important contribution to the business life of our city going through. I don't know of any connection between the councilor from Brighton and the resurrected Good Government Association across the street. But I will simply say that the criticism we have seen by that association of this attempted contribution to a forward-looking plan in my district and your district, Mr. President, might better have come from the President and from myself rather than from the councilor from Brighton.

Coun. HEIN—Mr. President, this order was not given me by anybody. I don't know anybody connected with the Good Government Association. I do understand, however, that one of the men who is at the head of this is connected with the West Coast Lumber Company of California and that he intends to get the necessary lumber from California instead of from the states of Maine or New Hampshire. I ask a suspension of the rule and the passage of the order, Mr. President.

The rule was declared not suspended. Coun. HEIN doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The Council voted to suspend the rule, yeas 17, nays 3:

Yeas—Coun. Arnold, Bush, Cox, Curtis, Donovan, Dowd, Englert, Fish, Fitzgerald, Gleason, Green Hein, Kelly, Murray, Norton, Power, Wilson—17.

Nays—Coun. Lynch, McGrath, Ruby—3.

The order was passed.

SIDEWALK IN WARD 13.

Coun. McGRATH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along 35 Cushing avenue, Ward 13, in front of the estates bordering thereon;

said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

EMPLOYMENT OF LEGAL RESIDENTS OF BOSTON.

Coun. KELLY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to favor the City Council with a reply to my order passed under a suspension of the rule on September 8, 1930, asking him to consider the advisability of inserting a clause in all contracts for city work providing that workmen employed thereon shall be legal residents of Boston.

Coun. KELLY—Mr. President, I have listened with interest to the Mayor's replies to orders introduced in this body to further the handling of the unemployment situation in Boston, orders passed by us on October 20 and October 27. But today, after waiting for two and one-half months, I have not heard any reply to my order which was passed unanimously by this honorable body on September 8, calling upon the Mayor of this city to do as the mayors and chief executives of other cities in this Commonwealth are doing—namely, to see that contractors who live upon the money of the taxpayers of the City of Boston are compelled, as they are compelled in other cities, to hire citizens of the municipality. I have made this fight because constituents in my ward—one Mr. McDonald of Clarkson street and others too numerous to mention—have been laid off from jobs in this city and preference has been given to people who reside in other cities. These same constituents have gone to other cities and towns and tried to obtain jobs there. The first question asked them was, "Where do you live?" When they have said they lived in the City of Boston, they have been told that there was no opening for them. So I say the same condition should obtain here, that our citizens should be favored against those from other places. I say, Mr. President, that if the Mayor of Boston is sincere in his efforts to relieve the unemployment situation, he can by a stroke of the pen put 2,000 men at work in different parts of the city. But I claim that the Mayor is not sincere in his efforts; I claim that the reason why he did not want to reply to my order was that he did not want to offend citizens of other cities and towns, for selfish reasons of his own,—for the simple reason that he could go out later and run for Governor of the Commonwealth, and that if he made such a ruling as he should, in behalf of the taxpayers of Boston, the citizens of these other cities would then be knocking his head off. But despite the double-crossing he has given in the last few weeks to the Governor-elect of the Commonwealth, he will never be Governor of the Commonwealth. To go a step further, I have seen in the press false reports about men going to work issued by his Honor the Mayor to members of the press. Those reports have been published at times, and I have had men come to my home, calling attention to reports saying that 250 men were going to work at Governor square at a certain time, 500 at another time, and so on, and that they would like a job. I have looked carefully into the matter, have got in touch with the chairman of the Transit Commission, and he says that but 400 men have been employed there since the job started. I say it is high time that the Mayor of Boston got on to himself and protected the taxpayers of the City of Boston, and stopped issuing these false reports to people who are looking for jobs in my ward and in other wards of the city,—saying that 500 men are going to work at Governor square at a certain time and men who stand about 400 on the list will come to you and say, "Why cannot I go to work?" when, as a matter of fact, only 100 or 150 are being put on. There is another thing that I want to bring out,—a report brought to me in the last few weeks that if I continued to protect the taxpayers of Boston the Mayor of Boston, together with the bond expert and real estate dabbler who occupies a seat on School street—namely, his brother—are going to step in—

President LYNCH—The Chair will have to rule the gentleman out of order, in that he is not talking to the order.

Coun. KELLY—Mr. President —
President LYNCH—The gentleman is out of order.

Coun. KELLY—Mr. President, I am going to continue on the order.

President LYNCH—Councilor Ruby moves that the Council take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair.

The motion to take a recess was declared lost.

Coun. KELLY—Mr. President —

President LYNCH—The Chair has ruled the gentleman out of order.

Coun. KELLY—Mr. President, I object to the ruling of the Chair.

President LYNCH—Councilor Kelly objects to the ruling of the Chair. The question is, Shall the decision of the Chair stand? Those in favor of the decision of the Chair standing as the decision of the Council will rise. [All present except Coun. Kelly arose.] All opposed will rise. [Coun. Kelly arose.] The ruling of the Chair stands.

Coun. KELLY—Mr. President, do I continue?

President LYNCH—For what purpose does the gentleman rise?

Coun. KELLY—I want to continue debate on the order I introduced.

President LYNCH—The Chair has ruled the gentleman out of order. The Chair will inform the gentleman that the vote was in favor of the Chair.

Coun. KELLY—Yes, Mr. President, that vote was in favor of the Chair, but I wish to talk on the order, and you have not voted on that. I wish to talk on the order I have introduced.

President LYNCH—The Chair has ruled Councilor Kelly out of order.

Coun. RUBY—Mr. President, I move that the Council take a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

RECESS.

On motion of Coun. RUBY, the Council voted to take a recess, at 3.12 p. m., subject to the call of the President. The members reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by President LYNCH at 4.11 p. m.

EMPLOYMENT OF LEGAL RESIDENTS OF BOSTON.

The order introduced by Coun. Kelly just before the recess was passed under suspension of the rule.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. CURTIS submitted report of the Executive Committee, as follows, viz.:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) for transfers within departmental appropriations—that said orders be passed.

Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) for transfer of \$1,711 from Reserve Fund to City Council appropriation—that said order be passed.

Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) for transfer of \$40,000 to Printing Department—that said order be passed.

Reports severally accepted, said orders severally passed, yeas 18, nays 0.

2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) for sale of police boat "Guardian"—that said order be passed.

Report accepted; said order passed.

3. Report on petition of Boston Elevated Railway for license to operate motor vehicles on East Third street—recommending that license be granted.

Report accepted; said license granted on usual conditions.

4. Report on petition of Rose E. Sidman for children to appear at Sarah Greenwood School November 25,—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on usual conditions.

CONFORMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

President LYNCH called up, under unfinished business, No. 1 on the calendar, viz.:

1. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor October 27, 1930, of Nicolas Prudenti and Ralph Kares, to be Weighers of Coal; and Thomas J. Fay and Milton Levenson, to be Weighers of Goods.

The question came on confirmation.

On motion of Coun. WILSON, the name of Joseph A. Cieri, appointed by the Mayor as constable under date of September 29, was taken from No. 9 on the calendar, and the name of William Tepper, appointed constable by the Mayor under date of October 27, in No. 12 on the calendar, were added to the names to be voted upon.

Committee, Coun. Hein and Green. Whole number of ballots 16, yeas 16, and the appointments were confirmed.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along 46 Mather street, Ward 17, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Hopkins street, both sides, from Evans street to Corbet street, Ward 17, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Evans street, both sides, from Corbet street to Hopkins street, Ward 17, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

Coun. NORTON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Morton street (south side), from Lorna road to West Selden street, Ward 18, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Pond street, both sides, from Mt. Pleasant street to Fairmount avenue, Ward 18, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along West Selden street (east side), from Morton street about 100 feet southerly, Ward 18, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

WARD 18 IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. NORTON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Public Works Commissioner, through his Honor the Mayor, be, and he hereby is, respectfully requested and urged to proceed as rapidly as possible with the resurfacing of the Ward 18 end of River street, and further ordered, that active construction work be resumed.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to submit to the City Council an estimate of the cost of furnishing a site for and the erection of a suitable convenience station in Cleary square section of Hyde Park.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Hilburn street, Ward 18, from Metropolitan avenue to Poplar street, as a public highway.

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Itasca street, Ward 18, from Mattapan street to Oakland street, as a public highway.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

WARD 2 IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to rip up the faultily laid sidewalks on Elwood street, Ward 2, and replace with properly constructed concrete walks.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to rip up the faultily laid sidewalks on Frothingham avenue, Ward 2, and replace with properly constructed concrete walks.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to rip up the faultily constructed sidewalks on Elm street, Ward 2, remove the debris, and replace with properly laid concrete walks.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

MEN IN CHARLESTOWN PAVING AND SANITARY DIVISIONS.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to bring the number of men employed in the Paving and Sanitary Divisions in Charlestown up to the full complement, and relieve the present intolerable situation where seven men are at present trying to perform the duties formerly assigned to seventy-five men.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SPOT LIGHT, WARD 21.

Coun. HEIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Police Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install a spot light for the traffic officer at Union square, Allston, Ward 21.

Adjourned, at 4.29 p. m., on motion of Coun. DONOVAN, to meet on Monday, November 17, 1930, at 2 p. m.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, November 17, 1930.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President LYNCH in the chair and all the members present.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted appointments for the term ending April 30, 1931, viz.:

Constables: Dennis L. Griffin, 5 Brook avenue, city; George J. Coyle, 353 Bowdoin street, Dorchester; William H. Powderly, 131 Dudley street, Roxbury.

Weighers of Coal: Theodore H. Eilertson, 260 Metropolitan avenue, Roslindale; Gerard V. Condon, 106 Norwell street, Dorchester; Israel Day, 77 Walnut park, Roxbury; Joseph E. LaCombe, 289 Medford street, Charlestown.

Severally laid over a week under the law.

ICE FOR CITY FOUNTAINS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, November 17, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I am advised that in order to complete payment on bills incurred this year for ice furnished the public drinking fountains of the city, an appropriation of \$389.08 in addition to the \$6,000 previously authorized by your honorable body will be necessary.

I submit herewith an order authorizing this amount to be charged to the Reserve Fund and respectfully recommend its adoption by your honorable body.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be authorized to expend an additional sum of \$389.08 for the purpose of furnishing ice for the public drinking fountains during the present season, said sum to be charged to the Reserve Fund.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PLACING OF 1,000 MEN AT WORK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, November 15, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I return herewith order adopted by your honorable body under date of November 10, 1930, and reading as follows:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to place at work one thousand men for a temporary period of sixty days, to be engaged in cleaning the public streets and alleyways throughout the city."

Within the limitations imposed by law on the expenditures of the city and by the civil service rules on the employment of labor every effort has been and is being made to employ as many men as possible on temporary work.

I am informed by the Public Works Commissioner that some time before the passage of the order a requisition was made for temporary laborers and that the present force, with the addition of these temporary men, will be sufficient to do all that is practicable on the kind of work described in the order.

It has been my purpose from the beginning of the year to refrain from devoting time or thought to the creation of single jobs for any individual, realizing that the seriousness of the situation made

necessary the application of study to the development of such programs as would permit of the employment of large groups.

It is to my purpose that this policy be adhered to since the promotion of the welfare of any single individual, or small group of individuals, would in no wise relieve a situation in which such large numbers are involved as in the present.

It would be most pleasing to me to comply with the wishes of the Council in the appointment of one thousand men, as outlined in the order, but my primary concern is the expenditure of public funds wisely so that sufficient may be available to later provide for the necessities of the needy and unfortunate who are entitled to precedence over all others.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

SUSPENSION OF PUBLIC UTILITY CHARGES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, November 13, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I return herewith order adopted by your honorable body under date of November 10, 1930, and reading as follows:

"Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to call upon the Governor of the Commonwealth to direct the Public Utilities Commission to ask the Boston Consolidated Gas Company and the Edison Electric Illuminating Company to refrain from shutting off gas and electricity, respectively, for nonpayment of bills, for a period of four months."

The suspension of payment for goods or services furnished may be good communistic doctrine but this is not Russia but America, and I do not care to take part in the submission of any such request.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

MEN IN SANITARY DIVISION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, November 13, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—Replying to the order adopted by your honorable body under date of November 10, 1930, and reading as follows:

"Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to bring the number of men employed in the Paving and Sanitary Divisions in Charlestown up to the full complement and relieve the present intolerable situation where seven men are at present trying to perform the duties formerly assigned to seventy-five men."

The Commissioner of Public Works informs me that instead of seven men as stated in the order there are at present employed in the two divisions in Charlestown fifty-eight men, and that he has no knowledge of any "intolerable situation." He further states that the reduction in the number of employees in the Charlestown yards was accomplished during the four years of the previous administration.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Rudolf Afflerbach, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Walnut avenue.

Christian Belzer, for compensation for injuries received at House of Correction, Deer Island.

Mrs. Thomas L. Cahill, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 85 Paris street.

Anna V. Garrity, for compensation for damage to property at 120 Montclair avenue, West Roxbury, caused by overflow of water.

Loyal Coat and Apron Supply Company, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Jeremiah Mackey, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Southampton street

C. Leo McCarthy, for compensation for damage to clothing during American Legion Convention.

Mrs. J. McClary, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Fairland and Winthrop streets.

Anna F. O'Brien, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Eden street, Charlestown.

Mr. Arthur O'Leary, for compensation for damage to car caused by defective condition of Arborway.

G. E. Steele, for compensation for damage to car by city wagon.

Abraham Sweet, for refund on sidewalk license.

Executive.

Petitions for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement, viz.:

L. Paul Gould, to appear at Washington Auditorium on November 25, 1930.

CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The constable's bond of William Tepper, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, was received and approved.

PAYMENT OF AID TO SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

Coun. MAHONEY, for the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, submitted report recommending passage of order for payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the City of Boston for the month of November, 1930.

Report accepted; said order passed.

TENNIS COURTS, FRANKLIN FIELD.

Coun. RUBY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to include in the budget for 1931 a sum sufficient to provide for the installation of flood lights at the tennis courts on Franklin Field.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SUNDAY FOOTBALL GAMES.

Coun. LYNCH offered the following:

Ordered, That a license be granted to the Boston National League Baseball Company for outdoor football games on Sundays during the month of November 1930, between the hours of two o'clock and six o'clock p. m., on the premises at 32 Gaffney street, heretofore licensed for outdoor athletic sports on the Lord's Day.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PAYMENTS BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

Coun. CURTIS offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Auditor be authorized to allow for payment and the City Treasurer to pay the monthly pay rolls of employees on or before November 26, 1930, and on or before December 23, 1930, in anticipation of Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

The Council voted at 2.19 p. m., on motion of Coun. MURRAY, to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by President LYNCH at 2.57 p. m.

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

President LYNCH called up, under unfinished business, No. 1 on the calendar, viz.:

Coun. WILSON also called up, there being no objection, the appointment under No. 3 on the calendar of James E. Pierce on May 19, to be a constable, and the appointment, under No. 9 on the calendar, as constables, on September 29, of Bert P. Price and William A. Amsie.

The question came on confirmation of the above appointees. Committee, Coun. Gallagher and Norton. Whole number of ballots cast 15, yeas 15, and the appointments were severally confirmed.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. MAHONEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) that Commissioner of Public Works be authorized to expend an additional sum of \$389.08 for purpose of furnishing ice for the public drinking fountains during the present season, said sum to be charged to the Reserve Fund—that said order be passed.

Report accepted; said order passed, yeas 21, nays 0.

2. Report on order (referred today) that license be granted the Boston National League Baseball Company for outdoor football games on Sundays during month of November, between hours of 2 and 6 p. m., on premises at 32 Gaffney street—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

3. Report on petition (referred today) for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement, viz.:

L. Paul Gould, to appear at Washington Auditorium on November 25, 1930,—that leave be granted.

Report accepted, leave granted under usual conditions.

TRAFFIC CONDITIONS.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission, through his Honor the Mayor, be, and said commission hereby is, respectfully requested to consider the advisability of prompt adoption of an alternative parking regulation which will insure free traffic conditions along main highways into the business district of Boston in the morning and unobstructed exit from the city at the close of business hours.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I wish to make a very brief reference to that order, which is in line with the suggestion made by his Honor the Mayor months ago when he stated in newspaper articles that he believed the alternative regulation which had worked with marked success in the downtown district should be extended to every street in the City of Boston. I have in mind such improved thoroughfares as Blue Hill avenue, Seaver street and Dorchester avenue, and also have in mind the regulation which prohibits automobiles passing at the left of street cars. Anyone who is in the habit of driving a car in from Milton, Dorchester or other districts, knows that it is practically impossible on many of our streets to get into Boston at certain times, due to the fact that on streets that have car tracks cars are parked on both sides, not allowing the passage of an auto to the right of an electric car. If there were regulation for alternative parking—for example, to the effect that on a street like Dorchester avenue, let us say, in the forenoon, from 7.30 until 10, cars shall not be parked on the right-hand side coming into the city, and that going the other way, in the afternoon, cars shall not be parked on the right-hand side from 5 to 8, this situation would be remedied. It is a very simple regulation and not at all an experiment. I feel strongly that it should be put into effect.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

WARD 4 IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. ARNOLD offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make necessary repairs to the wood block paving on Warren avenue, near West Canton street, Ward 4.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public

Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repair the defective catch-basins near 18 Leon street, Ward 4.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave Harwich street, Ward 4, with smooth paving.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION.

Coun. McGRATH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along 32 Grant street, to corner of Harbor View street, Ward 13, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along 28 Grant street, Ward 13, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

PORTER AT BOSTON CITY HOSPITAL.

Coun. KELLY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to request the Governor to order the Civil Service Commissioner to file a complete report with the City Council regarding the application, record and certification of the name of one certain Martin E. McCarthy of 143 West Newton street, Boston, as a laundry porter at the Boston City Hospital in answer to a requisition by the Mayor of Boston for two laundry porters for the Boston City Hospital on June 25, 1930.

Coun. KELLY—Mr. President, I have introduced this order because I feel that every one of the members of this Council is vitally interested in the matter of how the civil service rules affect employees of the city. I have had occasion a number of times to go before the Civil Service Commissioners on really worthy cases of fathers with children, who failed in their application to possibly state an offence of drunkenness or perhaps some minor violation of the automobile law years before. But the Board has never seen fit, that I know of, to allow such a man to go to work for the City of Boston. In this case I want this information furnished, because I have already looked into the matter thoroughly and I find out, after careful study of the civil service records at the State House, that this particular individual, who is now employed on the civil service list at the Boston City Hospital, filed his application on January 4 of this year, the day when the Mayor of Boston took office. He filed as a laborer. Six months later the Mayor put in a requisition for two laundry porters at the City Hospital. The name of this fellow, who does not live with his wife and who has no family, was sent to the Mayor's office, and as a result he got the job. In showing up what I have found out in regard to this matter I feel that I am doing an important service to every one of my colleagues. This fellow has a record. He has been in court ten different times. Yet he was certified by the Civil Service Commission to go to work for the City of Boston. He has a record for keeping and exposing liquor, and for attempted larceny. Yet this man is at present working in the City Hospital, and his name is certified by the Civil Service Commissioner and is O. K.'d by the Mayor. Besides that I find, after going into the record thoroughly, that he joined the police force in 1919, at the Hanover street station, and that he had considerable trouble. He received a punishment of 210 hours out for a serious offence at one time, and a 242-hour off duty punishment at another time, for a certain offence. He was then transferred by Captain O'Connell to Station 17, West Roxbury.

He was there three months and was charged in three specific instances with breaking and entering, disposing of liquor in a hallway, and leaving his gun in a certain place. He did not go to trial in those cases but resigned with those charges pending as a matter of public record—three specific charges. You and I, Mr. President, every member of the Council, know that there are a good many men in our different wards who have been on the laborers' list for a number of years and have never been called. I wonder how it is that an individual like this, however, can get his name on the list and when a requisition is put in for two laundry porters can be certified for a civil service position in the City of Boston. Furthermore, as you gentlemen probably know, to be transferred on civil service jobs you must be on the job for at least a year. This fellow was sent to work at the City Hospital July 3, 1930, as a laundry porter. In the early part of August, in less than a month from the time he was so employed, he was advanced to ward porter—as I say, in spite of the fact, of which you gentlemen are aware, that in order to get a change of rating you must be at least a year on a civil service job. I wonder why such conditions exist? Now, let me go on a little further. We find that he is a man of many addresses. We find that on April 1, 1930, he is police listed at 143 Newton street, Ward 4, but that he voted at 8 Hampshire street, Ward 9, Precinct 11. In 1929, on April 1, we find him police listed at 186 Fisher avenue, Ward 10, Precinct 10, but that he voted in Ward 9, 449 Shawmut avenue. We now find him domiciled at some place on Cummins Highway. So I want this information furnished to the Council from the Civil Service Commission, because I know of cases of other men who have been rejected because of some minor offence. I want to know what makes the difference. This is the same individual who last Thursday followed me from City Hall, when I was in company with another councilor, and without giving me a chance to defend myself brutally assaulted me on Union street. I also find from reliable information—from Miss Davis of the Boston City Hospital—that he was discharged by her seventeen days after going to work but was reinstated without a hearing. I wonder why these things exist. We find also from Miss Davis and other people that he is related to John Curley by marriage. I want you to bear these facts in mind, because it is a pretty serious state of affairs if a man cannot come into this body and express honest views on any subject without being brutally assaulted two or three days later. This happened, as I say, when I was in company with another councilor. So I want this information for these different reasons. I am telling you cold facts here, and I intend to get this information from the Civil Service Commission, and to see what connection there is between the Civil Service Commission and City Hall, in a case where a requisition is made and a fellow like this gets the job—a fellow who always votes in Ward 9, although he is police listed in other wards. I say that we should pass the order, and I move its passage under suspension of the rule.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

Later in the session Coun. KELLY said:

Mr. President, I would like to ask unanimous consent to add another word to my remarks earlier in the afternoon.

President LYNCH—Councilor Kelly asks unanimous consent to make a statement. Hearing no objection, Councilor Kelly will proceed.

Coun. KELLY—Mr. President, I want this in the record for future use. This fellow of whom I am inquiring, this Martin McCarthy, I believe was told by certain political factors to stay away from work Thursday of the past week, and was instructed to come here every day that I appear here on behalf of my constituents and do to me what he did on Union street. Regardless, however, of his dealings with me in a very cowardly manner, or regardless of possibly 100 more dealings of the sort, it will never alter my determination to keep the promise I made to my constituents a year ago that I would come into this Council and oppose anything that I saw that was out of the way and would speak up for them in any matter that concerns their interests. I care not how powerful any person is, I shall stand and continue to stand for what I believe to be the right thing, and if they want to send a person like this to me every day in the week, let them go ahead

and do so. It will not alter the decision I made a year ago and that I have lived up to to the present day.

IMPROVEMENTS AT TENEAN BEACH.

Coun. FISH offered the following:

Ordered, That the sum of fifty thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commission for the purchase of additional shore property to enlarge the present bathing area at Tenean Beach, and that to meet such expense the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, at the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Ordered, That the sum of fifty thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commission for the enlargement of the present bath house at Tenean Beach, and that to meet such expense the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, at the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Severally referred to the Committee on Finance.

IMPROVEMENT OF MARY HEMENWAY PLAYGROUND.

Coun. FISH offered the following:

Ordered, That the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commission for the construction of a locker building and bleachers at the Mary Hemenway Playground, Ward 16, and that to meet such expense the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, at the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

INFORMATION FROM THE MAYOR.

Coun. DOWD offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to inform the Boston City Council what particular orders it has passed relating to the unemployment situation that were a deliberate attempt to capitalize these conditions or to promote publicity for themselves.

Coun. DOWD—Mr. President, in the inaugural address of his Honor the Mayor, at the time when the present City Council was sworn into office, the Mayor of this city said:

"Too often in the past the attention of the citizens has been centered on the inauguration, personality and policies of the Chief Executive; losing sight of the fact that this ceremony is also the inauguration day of the members of the City Council, who have been selected by the people to act as a Board of Directors. Since the curtailing of their powers along certain executive and administrative lines by the so-called Good Government charter of 1909 it has become customary for those having little knowledge of the foundations of municipal government to make light of the City Council membership and attempt to belittle their importance. Nothing is more unwarranted and unfair—and no one can more appreciate from actual experience their power and influence for good administration, and the necessity for their hearty cooperation and assistance, than I. From my knowledge of the caliber of the men the people have selected to represent them in the present honorable body I feel certain of that cooperation and assistance to the fullest degree."

For ten long months, Mr. President and members of the Council, on every order that the Mayor of Boston has seen fit to send to this Council looking to the relief of the present unemployment situation, this Council has agreed with the Mayor, without any differences or any debate whatsoever. I believe that each and every member of this Council was sent here to decide for himself and for the people what he should do on any order or in any situation that might arise. Serving three terms in the City Council, I feel that any order I have introduced into the body—and I feel that the same thing applies to the orders

introduced by others—has been constructive in its purpose—even if it has not been introduced by a professor or an educator whom some might think know more about the unemployment situation than members of the Boston City Council. I would like to know the particular orders that have been presented in this Council to which his Honor the Mayor objects. I wish to go briefly over the orders I have presented. One was to call a special session of the Legislature in order to deal with the situation. If we want to place men at work and haven't the funds to do it, we will have to get help through the Legislature. Was that a constructive or destructive order? I have asked his Honor the Mayor to ask permission of Mr. Goodwin to suspend the civil service rules. Was that constructive or destructive? I am personally of the opinion that it was a constructive order. What else is there? I have asked the Mayor to request the Governor of this state, through the Department of Public Utilities, to ask the richest corporations within the confines of our state, the Boston Consolidated Gas Company and the Edison Electric Illuminating Company, not to turn gas or electricity off during a period of four months in this present emergency. But his veto comes back, and he says that this is America, not Russia. I think it looks, in the existing state of affairs in Boston at the present time, as if this were Russia. I wonder if that order was destructive or constructive. I believe it was constructive. I believe all these things merely represent proper attempts to alleviate the sufferings of the poor at the present time. What else? I asked that the Public Welfare Department be requested to discontinue their policy requiring that warrants be issued for a father or son before anyone could get aid from the Department of Public Welfare. If that is destructive, I am very much mistaken and wish to stand corrected. I asked his Honor the Mayor to employ a thousand men to clean the streets and alleys of Boston, and the answer—the automatic answer that we all get from department heads—was that the streets and alleys are in very good shape and don't need to be cleaned. What else is there? I asked him to recommend the placing of \$1,000,000 in the budget for the coming year to employ 4,000 or 5,000 men in public work of one kind and another, to relieve the present situation. That order was vetoed. I wonder if it was destructive or constructive? What else is there? We have asked the Mayor to take steps to stop the practice of giving the chain stores a monopoly of grocery orders, and he has vetoed that. I think I do not need to say anything on that score. We have gone through that situation and we find that the chain stores will receive the magnificent sum of \$300,000, and the only answer we can get from the Public Welfare Department is that in their discretion they think it advisable to do that. I wonder if that order was destructive or constructive? May I also refer to the orders that have been introduced by the councilor from Hyde Park (Coun. Norton) dealing with the present unemployment situation? I certainly feel that they were constructive, because they simply mean doing what leaders in the community have been endeavoring to do. Certainly, I think that they were not destructive, but constructive, measures. In that same way I might also refer to the order presented by the councilor from Ward 17 in reference to contractors. I say that that was constructive. Last, but not least, I might refer to the order I introduced that a committee be appointed to look into the feasibility of providing \$2,000,000 from public subscription for the poor of Boston. I don't think that was destructive, by any means. It was simply in line with what is being attempted by many leaders in the community to relieve present conditions. For example, we are seeing the effort to bring about an Army-Navy game which will probably raise \$150,000 in one lump sum. What else is there? The Mayor, in a statement given to the press Saturday, blames the councilors.

"The sharp increase in the demands upon the city for aid was laid by the Mayor at the feet of certain City Councilors and others who, he said, 'have been making political capital out of the unemployment situation.' Recently the Mayor declined to accept donations for an unemployment fund, explaining that the city had the situation well in hand through the appropriation of \$4,000,000 for the poor, but within the past two weeks members of the Council in unemployment

hearings have, he said, 'focused public attention on the Public Welfare Department, causing increased demands upon the poor relief funds, with the result that the department will exceed its budget total by about \$400,000.'

I wonder if his Honor the Mayor is justified in accusing twenty-two members of the City Council, which after all, is what it amounts to, because these orders were passed without a dissenting vote. I wonder if he is correct when he says that we are responsible for an increase of \$400,000 in the poor relief fund. If we are, I say to the Mayor, that we will gladly accept that condemnation from him, because if it is the truth we at least have caused \$400,000 of the taxpayers' money to be spent among the poor of Boston, which would not have been done except for the Unemployment Committee and for this City Council. Now, what else do we find? We find he claims that we have done this for publicity. Well, let us analyze the situation. Surely, if he wants to criticize the City Council, we have a right to answer him, and I intend to answer him. Let us see about the publicity, and who is looking for publicity. On January 18 there was a notice in the Boston papers that there was to be a million-dollar highway in East Boston and that 400 men would be employed. What has happened to that? Is that, coming from the Mayor's office, undue publicity? Then, what else do we find? We find when the question is raised with the Mayor in regard to the East Boston Tunnel he replies in a Boston newspaper that 1,500 men will immediately go to work on that \$16,000,000 tunnel to East Boston. And what has happened to that? Colonel Sullivan answered that statement when he said that work on the East Boston tunnel will not get started until May or June of next year at the utmost, and that only 600 men will be employed on the tunnel. What else do we find? We find that the Legislature gave \$5,000,000 for street construction, and we were told that would give employment to 1,500 men. But what do we now find? That \$3,500,000 of that amount still remains unexpended, and that it is not being used at all at the present time. I wonder if that is undue publicity? Then, we find, in regard to Governor square, according to the last report which must have come from the Mayor's office, that 600 or 700 men were to be placed at work immediately. Are the men working? I hardly think they are. Then, only recently, we were told that \$2,800,000 was available for school construction, and that 1,000 men would be employed. But we now understand that the work will not be started until next June or July. I wonder if the Mayor is looking for undue publicity in that and these other matters? Then, coming to the extension of the Governor square tunnel to Audubon road, the statement was made in the papers by the Mayor that 500 men would go to work there, and that \$1,800,000 would be expended. But we now understand that it will provide work for only 200 men. Then, what is the next item? The so-called Governor's Island project, where the Mayor stated that in November 500 men would go to work, in January 500 and in February 500, or a total of 1,500 men. We are now told by the Mayor that nothing can be done until an act of Congress is passed. So, in the total, taking the Boston newspapers and the reports from the Mayor's office, where 7,300 men were supposed to be put at work, we find that the sum and substance of it is that only 550 men have been put at work, and that the bulk of the work on these projects will not be started until June or July. I say that that is not relieving the unemployment situation to any great extent. I say, Mr. President, that you, I and the other members of this Council have a bounden duty to perform for the people who elected us to this office. They did not send us here to sit around like Stoughton bottles, and to say "Yes" to everything that comes from the Mayor's office. They sent us here to exercise our God-given rights in their interest, and in all matters pertaining to the public welfare. We are trying to do our duty, and I say in all fairness that unless there is an improvement in the situation, and unless something is done to solve the unemployment problem, there will be a lot of new faces in the City Council of 1932.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

SUBSCRIPTION FOR RELIEF OF UNEMPLOYMENT.

Coun. DOWD offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to appoint a committee of business, industrial and labor leaders of the City of Boston to consider the advisability of raising by popular subscription the sum of two million dollars, said sum to be applied to the relief of the present acute and unprecedented unemployment situation, and to be placed at the disposal of said committee, which shall be held strictly accountable to his Honor the Mayor for its proper disbursement.

Coun. DOWD—Mr. President, this is an order similar to the one I introduced some three weeks ago, which was vetoed by his Honor the Mayor. In his veto message at that time he said:

"I beg to state that at a conference held at the office of the Mayor today, at which were present the entire Board of Overseers of the Public Welfare, the subject matter as outlined in the order adopted was considered. It was the consensus of opinion of those present that the City of Boston holds a unique position among the cities of America in dealing with the needs of the unemployed, through the instrumentality of its Public Welfare Department."

I thought possibly I was very much mistaken in my order and that the Mayor was absolutely right in his veto message, but after listening last Wednesday evening to the nation-wide hook-up of the former Governor of New York, Alfred E. Smith, I found that an order of the very same kind that this Council passed three weeks ago for the relief of unemployment was outlined and favored by that great former Governor of New York. I say that there are concerns and individuals in Boston just as anxious to relieve the unemployment situation as concerns and individuals in other parts of the country, if the thing is presented to them in the right way. I have asked his Honor the Mayor to do what? To appoint a committee of leading business, industrial and labor leaders to consider the advisability of raising \$2,000,000 by popular subscription. I don't see that there is anything wrong in that. If I am absolutely wrong, I am in the company of such men as President Hoover, Governor Rolph, Senator Wagner, Governor Roosevelt, and ex-Governor Smith, who must in that case be absolutely wrong in their ideas, too. New York City evidently is not so unique in the efficiency of its charitable institutions that it does not dare to ask for public subscription to a public fund to relieve the present unemployment situation. Personally, I have been very much interested in seeing here in Boston the firms that have come forward and offered the aid to the Mayor in this matter—the Schulte and Huyler concerns and others, despite the fact that only last Monday the Mayor vetoed this order, and yet last Saturday we find him willing to accept contributions of public-spirited citizens and concerns. So evidently a part of my order is right; and all this order proposes is to form a committee that will consider the advisability of raising some such sum by popular subscription. It seems to me that is a much better way to approach the situation than to lay all the stress on the work of the Public Welfare Department. Many men don't care to incur the stigma that is attached to getting relief. That fact was set forth by ex-Governor Smith of New York, when he said that men don't want charity, but want to go to work. That is what I say about Boston men. They do not desire charity. If such funds are turned over to the Public Welfare Department, the stigma of pauperism will be attached to the recipients for the rest of their lives. Social welfare workers can get their records at any time, and it will be held up against them in the future as a reproach. I believe the only proper way to handle the situation is the way that a similar committee is doing in New York City, under the leadership of "Al" Smith. They are raising \$6,000,000, and I believe that we in Boston should certainly be able to get \$2,000,000. One game in the Stadium, between Boston College and Harvard College, would raise \$150,000, 7½ per cent of \$2,000,000 that is here suggested; and, if his Honor the Mayor is sincere, let him put his signature to this order, and let us see what can be done in the immediate future. My dear friends, I am personally of the opinion that the time has arrived when immediate action should be taken. The Governor has formed a committee, but no definite action has yet been taken by that committee.

I hope the Mayor of Boston will recognize the Boston City Council as he did in his inaugural address and will immediately proceed in such lines as are here suggested,—for, after all, Boston is the only large city in the country that has not done anything in the way of immediate relief. They talk about Boston's unique position along charitable lines. I don't think, Mr. President, that Boston does any more in the way of charity than is done in any other large city in the country. I have here the budget of charities in New York City, amounting to \$32,288,000 for unfortunates, while in Boston it is only a little over \$3,000,000. So I don't think Boston holds a unique position as compared with the other large cities of the nation. The Department of Commerce shows that in 1929 the city of New York spent \$31,140,000 for charitable purposes, Chicago, \$6,372,000; Philadelphia, \$8,847,000; Detroit, \$5,796,000, and so on. So when they tell you that Boston is doing more in the way of charitable work than any other city, they are not telling the truth, because the figures set forth by the United States Department of Commerce do not lie.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

BUDGET FOR OVERSEERS OF PUBLIC WELFARE.

Coun. DOWD offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to include in the budget for 1931 the sum of one million dollars to be used for the relief of unemployment, said sum to be in addition to the amounts provided for the Overseers of the Public Welfare and the Soldiers' Relief Department.

Coun. DOWD—Mr. President, I simply desire point out to the members of the Boston City Council that at the present time there are 1,500 men with families who take their place in the so-called prison line so well described by the councilor from Dorchester, in the Public Welfare Department. They average \$15 a week. The increase last week was 350 families, in one week, and by the first of the year it means that there will probably be 2,000 additional families applying to the Department of Public Welfare, making 3,500 families. On the basis of \$15 a week each, that will mean the City of Boston will be paying out \$55,000 a week, or a trifle over, to the men reporting to the woodyard. I say to the Mayor, Mr. President, that there is a way out of the situation that will not cost a great deal of money and that will take away the sting of pauperism from the people who go down there,—because, after all, no decent man desires to go down there unless he is forced to do so. If the Mayor will appropriate \$1,000,000 plus the usual amount, in the budget of 1931, to put men at work, instead of taking care of 3,500 families for ninety days at the woodyard, at an expense of about \$680,000, it will mean that 6,405 men can be placed at work for ninety days for \$1,000,000, or only \$300,000 more, and they will not have the stigma of pauperism attached to them. It may be said that the civil service will refuse. I think if the matter were put up to Governor Allen he could not very well refuse. If he does, the \$300,000 would be put with the Department of Public Welfare and paid out in the way of salaries on the basis of a four-day week, \$20 per week, for ninety days. This plan will enable a large number of families in this city, suffering from unemployment, to keep going for a period of ninety days.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

ADDITIONAL TEMPORARY INVESTIGATORS.

Coun. DOWD offered the following:

Ordered, That the Soldiers' Relief Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide additional temporary investigators for that department during the present unemployment crisis.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

INFORMATION AS TO \$30,000,000 PROJECTS.

Coun. DOWD offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to advise the Boston City Council in

detail concerning the thirty-million dollar projects which he stated in his recent veto message would be in operation before the new budget would become operative.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

DEATH OF SCHOOL PUPIL.

Coun. DOWD offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston School Committee be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to conduct a thorough investigation into the death of a pupil at the Aaron Davis School in Roxbury, and which the pupil's parents allege was due to blows said pupil received while attending said school.

Coun. DOWD—Mr. President, we have recently read in the papers about the young child of eight years of age, a pupil in the Aaron Davis School who, it is claimed, was beaten in the school and was taken to the hospital the next day, dying two days later. The parents of the child allege that the child received several blows from pupils during school hours, and claim that the death was caused by the blows received. The parents of the child have further stated to me that in their opinion the records of the City Hospital were changed. For that reason I would ask the Mayor of Boston to ask the School Committee to conduct a sweeping investigation of the matter.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

TELEPHONE INVESTIGATION.

Coun. DOWD offered the following:

Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to appear before the Public Utilities Commission in connection with the bill which is now before that body, and to favor a decrease in the general prices of telephone service.

Coun. DOWD—Mr. President, recently a petition was filed by members of the Central Labor Union requesting the Department of Public Utilities to decrease the rates charged by the telephone company. I believe there is not a councilor here who does not feel that those rates should be decreased. We all know about the charges for service installation of telephones and cords, and that they got that increase under a subterfuge at the last hearing, when those present were interested particularly in rates and not service charges. I hope that the Mayor of Boston will see fit to have the Corporation Counsel be present at the hearings and protect the interests of the people of Boston.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

INFORMATION FROM POLICE COMMISSIONER.

Coun. HEIN offered the following:

Whereas, The rules of the Police Department state that "members of the force are liable to be called into service at any time; and the same responsibility as to the detection and prevention of crime and the preservation of order rests upon them when not in uniform, or off duty, as when on duty in uniform";

Ordered, That the Police Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to inform the City Council whether or not it is the practice of the department to allow full pay and/or hospital bills to a patrolman injured in the performance of an ordinary police duty while not on his regular tour of duty.

Coun. HEIN—Mr. President, in the particular case I am referring to in these resolutions this man left the station house at 6 o'clock in the evening and started for his home. At 6.35 in the evening he was hit by an automobile coming down Commonwealth avenue, suffered a fractured skull, and had his leg broken in two places. He was taken to the hospital and there developed pneumonia. Doctor Broderick ordered him transferred to a private room with two special nurses. Of course, the expenses were very heavy. He gets half-time for thirty days, the equivalent of \$18 a week, and after that \$1 a day from the relief association. This man had to be taken to the hospital due to no fault whatsoever of his own.

His first bill was \$41, and he did not have it to pay. Some kind Samaritan came around and paid the \$41. Last week his bill was \$161, including room, nurses, and other paraphernalia in connection with his stay in the hospital. The man simply has not got it. The Police Department says he is on duty for twenty-four hours. If that is the case, if a man is going home, why is he not entitled to aid in a matter of this kind from the Police Department? If he has not got it, is he going to be left to die like a dog? The police are expected to protect the lives and safety of our citizens. They are supposed to be on duty for twenty-four hours a day. Certainly in a case like this, where a man, through no fault of his own, is injured, taken to the hospital, and is obliged to undergo this sort of thing, with all the expenses that go with it, a man with a wife and children, something should be done for him and for their protection. This accident happened on the 25th of October, and up to today they have not received one penny either from the relief association or the Police Department. I ask a suspension of the rule and the passage of the order.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS FOR WARD 10.

Coun. POWER offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to take such steps as may be necessary to provide a playground in the Parker Hill section of Ward 10.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an arc light at the corner of Minden and Schiller streets, Ward 10.

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an automatic traffic signal at the junction of Huntington and South Huntington avenues, Ward 10.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Parker street, both sides, from Huntington avenue to Conant street, Wards 4, 9, 10, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

ADMINISTRATION OF BOSTON SANATORIUM.

Coun. RUBY offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council commends the administration of the Boston Sanatorium by the Trustees of the Hospital Department, and the improvements which have been made at that institution since the direction of its affairs was taken over by said trustees.

Coun. RUBY—Mr. President, sometime last evening I received a telephone call from one of the Boston newspapers informing me that certain allegations had been made with reference to the conduct of this institution by some of the patients there. I stated to the Press at that time that I would immediately go to the institution today, because of my personal vital interest in it. In 1927 I was chairman of the Committee on Ordinances when the change in administration of the Boston Sanatorium went into effect. After the order was presented to the City Council by his Honor the Mayor, for weeks the Committee on Ordinances refused to bring in a report approving the contemplated change, because we felt that a complete investigation should be made. After two months, and after conference with some of the chief medical men in this city, such as Doctor Otis, who is a tuberculosis specialist, and a group of other tuberculosis specialists, we brought into the Council a report recommending the adoption of the ordinance transferring that institution from the then trustees of the Boston Sanatorium to the Board of Trustees of the Boston City Hospital. Since that time I have made periodical visits to the institution, with representatives of several private organizations,

and in all my visits there, while there might have been minor complaints made, I found nothing to warrant such complaints as have been received and set forth in this pamphlet that has been sent to us. I went to the institution this morning at nine o'clock and spent over four hours traveling through it. We visited several of the wards, and at noontime, under the guidance of Miss Murphy, the dietitian of the sanatorium, we went to the new part of the institution, which dispenses food to the patients. There we found the following situation. At the time we were there the women of the institution were partaking of their dinner, and they would file in, cafeteria style, to this well-lighted, well-ventilated room, where the food was dispensed. During the time we were there I personally spoke to forty or fifty men and women during their lunch period. No person connected with the institution was within hearing of our voices. I invariably asked how they felt about the food being dispensed in the institution, and in the group to whom we spoke there was not a single person who did not say that the food had improved tremendously during the last year or two. We spoke to some who had been there only three or four months. One young girl whom I met there comes from my own ward, and she made this statement to me in the presence of one of the representatives of the Boston Press, that she never dreamed she would be accorded the treatment and care she was getting in that institution, and she arrived only two weeks ago. We found over 470 patients in the institution. We found that the new wing of the hospital is being opened as fast as it can be made ready for occupancy, that in the very near future there will be seventy-five or more additional empty beds for patients. In going through the various wards I spoke with men and women from more than a dozen wards of the city, men and women who wanted to be remembered to their respective councilors. I don't want to go into that in detail at this present time, mentioning the names, but I have the names here. Some referred to Councilor Donovan, some to Councilor Green, some to Councilor Fish, and to other different members of the City Council from whose districts they came. They expressed nothing but satisfaction with the treatment they were getting, and I believe that since the trustees of the City Hospital have taken over this institution, for the last three years, there has been a tremendous improvement in conditions there. In this pamphlet attention is called to liquor drinking. In my visit I asked the medical man in charge, and he informed me that for medical purposes there have never been more than eight or ten gallons of liquor used or dispensed in that institution in any year. I feel sure that that institution is being well taken care of by the trustees of the City Hospital. I believe, taking into account the way in which the money has been spent there by the trustees of the City Hospital, the City Council is deserving of high commendation for its appropriation for this institution. Those in charge said to me that, since we have been in this body, for a period of say five years at least, not one cent was ever cut from the budget appropriation of the institution by the body. In 1928 over \$400,000 was appropriated, of which \$380,000 was spent; in 1929 we appropriated \$422,000, of which \$401,000 was spent; and in this present year we have allotted for that institution over \$561,000, of which in a period of ten months \$376,000 has been spent,—that is, apart from the building program which is now being completed. Therefore, in view of the way in which we have performed our duty to the institution, we are obligated to see that the patients of that institution are accorded every possible privilege that can be accorded inmates of an institution of that kind. It is tough to be sick: it is tougher to leave your family not knowing when you are going to be permitted to come back to them; and I feel that we cannot give too great consideration to the men and women, the young boys and girls, who are obliged to go to that institution, that we should give everything that can be given within the means of a city such as this. When a pamphlet of this kind is sent, as is admitted, by some disgruntled person to over 300 people in Boston it is the duty of this body to make sure that the condemnation heaped on such an institution in that way is properly investigated. In these days, when we are quick to criticize, we ought to be quick to commend when the occasion

for commendation is brought to our attention. I have here the menu of the institution, and it is interesting to examine it. For every day of the week and every meal a different food is provided; the second week is the same as the previous week. The patients are given, as I have been informed by the patients themselves, all the milk they can drink, all the eggs they can eat. I believe we members of the City Council, when the opportunity presents itself, when we are satisfied after investigation that these institutions are being conducted as well as they possibly can be conducted, ought not to be affected by a circular such as the one in which these complaints are made. So far as just grievances are concerned, there may be one or two, and I have in mind several such that I am going to take up with the Board of Trustees of the City Hospital, who have charge of that institution, so that they may investigate certain matters. I feel that one young boy there ought to have an examination by a specialist. In his mental state he might be benefited if he received a little attention from a specialist. But there is no ground for the kind of criticism that is made here. I feel, in justice to the institution and its management, that this order ought to go through, and I ask a suspension of the rule and its passage.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I think my colleague from Dorchester is to be complimented

on the time and attention he has very obviously given to this matter, and the way in which he has investigated it in the time since the complaint was entered. I have not seen the complaint that has been referred to. From one point of view I might perhaps dislike to see the order passed under suspension of the rule, with the possible implication that there is only one department of the City of Boston that deserves commendation at the present time. I have not read the criticism that has been made of the hospital. So far as I know, it is being carried on in a proper manner, and no doubt in a much more proper manner than was the case in the two years prior to the investigation. It does seem to me, however, instead of passing the order under suspension of the rule, giving a blanket vote of commendation to one specific department, the Council should send it first to the Committee on Rules or the Committee on Hospitals.

Coun. RUBY—I have no objection, Mr. Chairman.

Coun. Ruby's motion to suspend the rule was withdrawn, and the order was referred to the Committee on Rules.

Adjourned, on motion of Coun. KELLY, at 4 p. m., to meet on Monday, November 24, at 2 p. m.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, November 24, 1930.

Regular meeting of the City Council held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President LYNCH in the chair. Absent, Councilors Fish, Fitzgerald, Gallagher.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted appointments for the term ending April 30, 1931, as follows:

Constables: Benjamin Rosen, 99 Intervale street, Roxbury; Charles A. Flanagan, 3976 Washington street, Roslindale; Harry Galer, 568 Blue Hill avenue, Roxbury; Abner Goulston, 1127 Commonwealth avenue, Boston; Frank Herbert Megroth, 768 Tremont street, Boston; Leon John Greene, 60 Queensberry street, Boston.

Weigher of Goods: James C. Regan, 55 Adams street, Revere.

Severally laid over a week, under the law.

FLOOD LIGHTS FOR TENNIS COURTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 24, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, chairman of Park Commission, regarding your request to include in the budget for 1931 a sum sufficient to provide for the installation of flood lights at the tennis courts on Franklin Field.

Respectfully,
WILLIAM G. LYNCH,
Acting Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, November 21, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir,—I have an order from the City Council requesting the Park Commission to include in the budget for 1931 a sum sufficient to provide for the installation of flood lights at the tennis courts on Franklin Field.

As our budget for 1931 has already been forwarded to the Budget Commissioner, I will be pleased to take this matter up with him at an early date.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG,
Chairman.

Placed on file.

PLAYGROUND IN PARKER HILL SECTION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 24, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, chairman of Park Commission, regarding request that such steps be taken as may be necessary to provide a playground in the Parker Hill section of Ward 10.

Respectfully,
WILLIAM G. LYNCH,
Acting Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, November 21, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston.
Dear Sir,—I have an order from the City Council requesting that certain steps be taken as may be necessary to provide a playground in the Parker Hill section of Ward 10.

The Board of Park Commissioners will make a study of the needs of this district and will forward a report to your office in the immediate future.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG,
Chairman.

Placed on file.

CONVENIENCE STATION IN CLEARY SQUARE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 24, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from John P. Englert, Superintendent of Public Buildings, regarding your request for the erection of a convenience station in Cleary square. This is in reply to your order of November 10, 1930.

Respectfully,
WILLIAM G. LYNCH,
Acting Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Buildings Department,
November 17, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—Replying to the order of the City Council that the Superintendent of Public Buildings be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to submit to the City Council an estimate of the cost of furnishing a site and the erection of a suitable convenience station in Cleary square section of Hyde Park, I respectfully report that this department has no jurisdiction in the matter of convenience stations, they being erected and maintained by the Health Commissioner, and I would respectfully suggest that the order be referred to the Health Department.

Respectfully yours,
JOHN P. ENGLERT,
Superintendent of Public Buildings.

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SPECIAL SESSION OF LEGISLATURE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 24, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from his Excellency, the Governor, regarding your request for a special session of the Legislature to relieve the unemployment situation. This is in reply to your order of November 10, 1930.

Respectfully,
WILLIAM G. LYNCH,
Acting Mayor.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
Executive Department,
State House, Boston,
November 19, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

My dear Mr. Mayor,—I am directed by his Excellency to acknowledge your letter of November 14 inclosing order adopted by the Boston City Council, calling upon the Governor of the Commonwealth to convene the Legislature in special session for the purpose (1) of providing sufficient money to relieve the present unemployment crisis, and (2) to authorize the Civil Service Commission to suspend its rules during this emergency.

The Governor has asked me to assure you that the order will receive his earnest consideration.

Very truly yours,
JOHN D. WRIGHT,
Secretary to the Governor.

Placed on filed.

SPOTLIGHT IN UNION SQUARE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 24, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Hon. Eugene C. Hultman, Police Commis-

sioner, regarding your request for a spotlight in Union square, Allston. This is in reply to your order of November 10, 1930.

Respectfully,
WILLIAM G. LYNCH,
Acting Mayor.

Boston, November 20, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor,—In regard to the order of the City Council, passed on November 10, 1930:

"Ordered, That the Police Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install a spotlight for the traffic officer at Union square, Allston, Ward 21."

I would say that the Police Department does not install spotlights. It has neither the money nor the authority so to do. These lights are installed by the Traffic Commission.

I am returning for your files the original order of the City Council, copy of which has been kept for the files of this office.

Very truly yours,
E. C. HULTMAN,
Police Commissioner.

Placed on file.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

George M. Castaldo, for refund on sidewalk license.

Esther Corchoff, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Hayward place and Washington street.

Anna Dickerman, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 46 Upton street.

Mrs. Maria Hazell, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Dighton and Washington streets.

Huse & Carleton, for refund on refuse tickets.

Daniel F. Kenney, for compensation for damage to property at 98 Fisher avenue, Roxbury, caused by sidewalk construction.

Morris Lait, for refund on refuse tickets.

Hugh J. McElaney, for compensation for damage to property at 180 Beech street, Roslindale, caused by sidewalk construction.

Joseph R. Reilly, trustee, for compensation for damage to property at 14 Prospect avenue, Roslindale, caused by sidewalk construction.

William G. Shuris, for refund on refuse tickets.

Carolyn A. Slack, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Beacon street.

David Stutman, for compensation for damage to property at 109 Boylston street, Jamaica Plain, caused by defective sewer.

Ernest V. Suter, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Dorchester avenue.

Richard Tyler, for compensation for loss of clothing at Boston Common office.

Warren Five Cents Savings Bank, for refund on overpayment of real estate tax.

Mrs. Arthur H. Whittemore, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 11 Symmes street, Roslindale.

Committee on Jitney Licenses.

Petition of Boston Elevated Railway to operate motor vehicles between Fields Corner Station and the junction of Everett and Park streets, over Geneva avenue, Park street, Ashland street, Mill street, Everett street, Park street, Adams street, Gibson street, Dorchester avenue.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS PAY ROLL.

The pay roll of the Registry of Deeds amounting to \$9,629.95, viz., piece work from October 20 to November 15 and regular employees from November 16 to November 30, 1930, was received and approved.

CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The constables' bonds of Joseph A. Cieri and Bert P. Price, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, were received and approved.

TRANSIENT VENDOR'S LICENSE.

Application was received from George W. Harper, of 1 Euclid avenue, Summit, N. J., for local itinerant vendor's license for Boston Antiques Exposition, Inc., 115 Broadway, New York. License issued November 21, 1930, and fee paid, and bond received.

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LIGHTING SYSTEM IN WARD 1.

Coun. DONOVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make a thorough survey of the lighting system in Ward 1, and report to the City Council, with such recommendations as he deems appropriate, to provide a modern and adequate lighting service in East Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

LIGHTING FACILITIES ON SARATOGA STREET.

Coun. DONOVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide adequate lighting facilities on Saratoga street, Ward 1, between the railroad bridge and the Winthrop Bridge.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, I think that this is a thing that should be called to the direct attention of the Commissioner of Public Works, due to the fact that there are not adequate lighting facilities on that bridge. Going along the highway there between the Narrow Gauge Bridge and the Winthrop Bridge there were two deaths this last week, and numerous accidents. Going down Saratoga street you will find an arc light every 300 or 400 feet. It is necessary to place arc lights along there going to Winthrop, as it is more or less of a speedway. In spite of the fact that it has been patrolled by two motor cycle officers we have had these casualties in the last week.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

NEW PRINTING PLANT.

Coun. DOWD offered the following:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Printing be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to advise the Boston City Council when it is expected to begin construction of the new printing plant, for which the City Council has voted an appropriation of three hundred thousand dollars.

Coun. DOWD—Mr. President, I simply desire to bring to the attention of his Honor the Mayor and the members of the Council the fact that on March 10 of this year without a dissenting vote the City Council passed an order providing \$300,000 for the immediate construction of a printing plant. That was last March. Up to the present time not one effort has been made, in so far as we know, to erect this printing plant. \$300,000 spent at this time would provide some employment for people out of work. Having especially in mind the fact that we are trying to provide work for people who are out of employment, and that we are calling upon people in mercantile business to spend money on buildings so as to give employment, it seems rather strange that \$300,000 which we appropriated for this building seven months ago has not yet been touched, that nothing has been done towards its erection.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

WIDENING OF CENTRE STREET.

Coun. DOWD offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to advise the City Council when it is contemplated to start work on the widening of Centre street.

Coun. DOWD—Mr. President, I desire to bring to the attention of his Honor the Mayor and the members of this Council the fact that on June 2 of this year we passed an appropriation for \$1,100,000 for the widening of Centre street, Jamaica Plain, and that to date not a spade has been placed in the ground on Centre street. There

is an opportunity to use \$1,100,000, which will be largely used for labor, on Centre street, a sum which would employ at least 300 men, even with the machines in operation at the present time, and it remains unused. I have today pointed out two things for which the city has appropriated money within six or eight months, and under which nothing has been done by either the department heads or the Mayor of Boston, although we were given the impression at the time when the orders were introduced that it was highly important to pass them at once.

Coun. CURTIS—Mr. President, I might mention the fact that the same situation exists at the widening of Charles street. Money has been appropriated for the traffic circle near the Longfellow Bridge, and for some reason which I have not been able to get the work has not been started. It seems to me important that work should proceed at this time on these things that have been authorized.

Coun. MURRAY—Mr. President, I might say in regard to the \$1,100,000 for Centre street that a committee waited on his Honor the Mayor three months ago, representing the different sections interested, Roslindale, Jamaica Plain, and I believe the President of the Senate, who comes from that district, also attended. It appeared at that time that there was a controversy going on between them and the Mayor's office as to whether it should be an 80 or a 100 foot street, and I believe the President of the Senate intends to go to the Legislature and get special action to have it an 80-foot street instead of a 100-foot street. I think when that action is taken the work can immediately proceed.

Coun. DOWD—Mr. President, it seems to me there was no need of waiting six months or so to see whether it should be an 80 or a 100 foot thoroughfare. We appropriated \$1,100,000 for immediate work on the project, and I don't think there should have been six months' delay.

Coun. COX—Mr. President, the City of Boston cannot go ahead with that widening until the Legislature enacts a law reducing the width to 70 or 80 feet. The act as passed by the Legislature allowed 100 feet. I understand that it is necessary for the new act which has been referred to to pass the Legislature before anything can be done on Centre street. But I understand that they are going ahead with their plan to change the law so that that can be done.

Coun. DOWD—Mr. President, perhaps the councilor from West Roxbury (Coun. Cox) can answer a question through the Chair. He says that the original law provided for the widening of this street to 100 feet. They now want to change it to what width?

Coun. COX—Seventy or 80 feet. I don't know that the proposed width was definitely decided upon, but I think it is 80 feet.

Coun. DOWD—Well, Mr. President, it seems to me that the authorities when they come in here and ask us to pass an order for \$1,100,000, ought to know definitely what it is proposed to do with the money before they ask for it.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, as one member who was not rushed into voting for the Centre street loan, I would like to see the records complete and correct in the matter. Of course, this very same point was brought up by the Mayor two or three months ago, in regard to local dissension as to whether the street should be 70, 80 or 100 feet in width. That was brought out at the hearing before some of the members here voted to adopt the act of the Legislature; and I imagine when the local boards of trades and other organizations get together and decide what they want, some progress will be made on Centre street. But it appears that they are now about where they were when the Council adopted the act of the Legislature, namely, they don't appear to be unanimous, don't know exactly what they wish.

Coun. COX—Mr. President, for the information of the councilor from Dorchester (Coun. Wilson) I want to say that the objection to making Centre street 100 feet wide came from the trustees of Harvard College, who hesitated about allowing the city to take any of the Arnold Arboretum for the purpose. Everybody else agreed. The only objectors I know of are the trustees of Harvard College, who do not wish to have the Arnold Arboretum disturbed.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule, on motion of Coun. DOWD.

NONRESIDENT SECRETARY OF POLICE COMMISSIONER.

Coun. DOWD offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request his Excellency the Governor to direct the Police Commissioner to immediately discharge the non-resident whom he has employed as secretary.

Coun. DOWD—Mr. President, I recognize the fact that it is rather a drastic request to ask the Governor of the state to take steps to have one of the appointees of the Police Commissioner discharged. But I believe conditions in Boston at the present time demand such drastic action. I am firmly convinced that there are thousands of young men in the City of Boston and hundreds in the Police Department who are more familiar with the workings of that organization than the gentleman who has been imported from Melrose to act as secretary of the Board of Police of Boston. I say that the time has come in Boston when Boston men should be employed, and if the time has come when we are to allow the Police Commissioner to appoint as his secretary a nonresident of Boston, without even a protest from this body, as representing the taxpayers, or without the opposition of some of the taxpayers themselves, I say it is a sad state of affairs. I do not claim that the appointee might not make an efficient secretary. I am not in any way doubting his efficiency or intelligence. But I do say that the Police Commissioner of Boston owes a duty to the people of Boston, who are paying his salary, and that duty is to employ a Boston man for the job. He has been very fortunate while in office to have the advice of our Assistant Corporation Counsel. He has him there at the present time practically in the capacity of secretary. I say that the Council should at this time take a definite stand and should not allow, if it is in our power to prevent it, any Police Commissioner in the employ of the taxpayers of Boston to take this position. You and I know that the Police Department of Melrose would not take a Boston man in any such corresponding capacity, and if it could not be done there, why should the reverse take place here, particularly when, as I say, there are thousands of brilliant young men in the City of Boston capable of filling the job, and no doubt hundreds in the department itself, who could perform the duties much better than the gentleman who has been imported from Melrose.

Coun. HEIN—Mr. President, I am just wondering why the Police Commissioner has had to hire a secretary. As I recall, he said he did not need a secretary, that he was going to save the City of Boston the \$5,000 salary that would be paid to a secretary. And now he goes out to the city of Melrose to get a secretary. Why should he not take a man who belongs in the City of Boston, and whose salary is being paid by the taxpayers of Boston?

President LYNCH—The order will be referred to the Committee on Rules.

Coun. DOWD—Mr. President, I don't see why the order should be referred to the Committee on Rules. It is a matter that the Council should act upon. Each and every one of us is supposed to represent the taxpayers of Boston, and there shouldn't be any need of referring it to any committee. We should take a stand upon the matter here today, either approving of the action of Commissioner Hultman in hiring a nonresident or not approving of it. I now ask a suspension of the rule and the passage of the order.

President LYNCH—The Chair would remind the gentleman that he did not make any motion before for a suspension of the rule, and therefore the Chair suggested the reference of the order to the regular committee.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

POST AND CAMP HEADQUARTERS.

Coun. McGRATH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings of the City of Boston be, and he hereby is, authorized in the name and behalf of the City of Boston, with the approval of the Mayor of the City of Boston and in form satisfactory to the Law Department of the City of Boston, to lease for post and camp headquarters to the following-named veteran organizations for the term of five years, at an annual rental of one dollar a year, the following described premises with the right to

cancel any lease of said premises by giving thirty days' notice in writing of its intention so to do, namely:

Three rooms on first floor of the Roxbury Courthouse, known as William H. Olin Hall, to Thomas G. Stevenson Post 26, G. A. R.

Building on East street, Dorchester, known as Old Meeting House Hill Wardroom, to Francis G. Kane Post 60, A. L.

Building on Eustis street, Roxbury, known as Old Fire House, Eustis street, to Roger Wolcott Camp 23, U. S. W. V.

Room on first floor of building known as Old Town Hall, Brighton, to Brighton-Allston Post 17, A. L.

Building known as Cross Street School, 38 Cross street, Charlestown, to Colonel Fred B. Bogan Camp 14, U. S. W. V.

Rear room of building known as the Lower Mills Branch Library, Richmond and Washington streets, Dorchester, to Old Dorchester Post 65, A. L.

Building known as Thomas Street Schoolhouse, Jamaica Plain, to Boston Post 200, G. A. R.

Building known as Smith Schoolhouse, Joy street, to Robert G. Bell Post 20, G. A. R.

Upper floor of building known as Old Ladder 5, Fourth street, South Boston, to Major M. J. O'Connor Camp 4, U. S. W. V.

Upper hall of building known as Old Town Hall, Brighton, to Francis Washburn Post 92, G. A. R.

First floor of building known as Old Franklin Schoolhouse, 1151 Washington street, Boston, to Corporal Gordon E. Denton Post 319, V. F. W.

Upper hall, third floor of building known as Old Franklin Schoolhouse, 1151 Washington street, Boston, to Post 7, G. A. R.

Building known as Old Police Station No. 7, Meridian street, East Boston, to Lieutenant Lawrence J. Flaherty Post 30, A. L.

Second floor of building known as Old Franklin Schoolhouse, 1151 Washington street, Boston, to John A. Andrew Post 15, G. A. R.

and the said Superintendent of Public Buildings is hereby further authorized to permit under a written license signed by the said Superintendent of Public Buildings and approved by the Mayor and in form satisfactory to the Law Department of the City of Boston, the use and occupation for post and camp headquarters by the following veteran organizations, for a term of five years, at a yearly rental of one dollar a year, the following premises with a right for the city to cancel any license of said premises by giving thirty days' notice in writing of its intention so to do, namely:

Rear room on first floor of Hyde Park Municipal Building. Room to be used on the first, second, third and fourth Friday of each month, to John Cleary Camp 34, U. S. W. V.

Room known as the wardroom in the Columbia Road Municipal Building. Room to be used on the first and third Monday and second and fourth Thursday of each month. Also one room in basement for term of license, to All Dorchester Post 154, A. L.

Room known as wardroom in the Columbia Road Municipal Building. Room to be used on the first and third Friday and second and fourth Wednesday of each month, to Captain Drum Camp, U. S. W. V.

Rear room on first floor of the Hyde Park Municipal Building. Room used on all days except on those days when in use by the City of Boston Health Department and except on the first, second, third and fourth Wednesday and Friday of each month, to Cecil Fogg Post 73, A. L.

Rear room on first floor of the Hyde Park Municipal Building. Room to be used on the first, second, third and fourth Wednesday of each month, to Timothy Ingraham Post 121, G. A. R.

Room known as wardroom in the Columbia Road Municipal Building. Room to be used on the second and fourth Friday of each month, to Disabled Veterans Association.

Room known as wardroom in the Columbia Road Municipal Building. Room to be used on the first and third Tuesday and the first and third Thursday of each month, to Ensign John J. O'Connell Post 85, A. L.

Room known as the wardroom in the Columbia Road Municipal Building. Room to be used on the second and fourth Monday of each month, to Bessie P. Edwards Post 264, A. L.

Room 401, City Hall Annex. Room to be used on the second and fourth Monday evening of each month, to Suffolk County Council, V. F. W.

Room 401, City Hall Annex. Room to be used

on the first Sunday and second Tuesday evening of each month, to Army and Navy Union.

Room 401, City Hall Annex. Room to be used on the second Sunday of each month, in the afternoon, to Municipal Council, U. S. W. V.

The order was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

INFORMATION FROM POLICE COMMISSIONER.

Coun. HEIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Police Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to furnish the City Council with a list of the names and addresses of all applications for appointment as Secretary to the Police Commissioner.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPAVING OF BRAINERD ROAD.

Coun. HEIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repave with smooth paving Brainerd road, Ward 21.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF SCOTTFIELD ROAD.

Coun. HEIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept Scottfield road, Ward 21, as a public highway.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

COPIES OF REVISED ORDINANCES.

Coun. RUBY offered the following:

Ordered, That each member of the City Council be furnished with fifteen copies of the Revised Ordinances, the expense incident thereto to be charged to the appropriation for city documents.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

TRAFFIC SIGNAL, WARD 11.

Coun. ENGLERT offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to establish an automatic traffic signal at Egleston square, Ward 11.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

President LYNCH called up, under unfinished business, No. 1 on the calendar, viz.:

1. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor November 17, 1930, of Theodore H. Ellerton, Gerard V. Condon, Israel Day and Joseph E. LaCombe, to be Weighers of Coal.

The question came on confirmation. Committee, Coun. Wilson and Dowd. Whole number of ballots 15, yeas 15, and the appointments were confirmed.

Later in the session, there being no objection, Coun. WILSON called up, under unfinished business, the names of Walter Braxton (appointed constable by the Mayor August 4, 1930, under No. 8 on the calendar), and Michael F. Murray (appointed constable by the Mayor October 6, 1930, under No. 10 on the calendar).

The question came on confirmation. Committee, Coun. Cox and Arnold. Whole number of ballots 16, yeas 16, and the appointments were confirmed.

RECESS.

On motion of Coun. RUBY the Council voted at 2.36 p. m. to take a recess subject to the call of

the Chair. The members reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by President LYNCH at 2.55 p. m.

SIDEWALKS ON COLUMBIA ROAD.

President LYNCH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Columbia road, from Edward Everett square to Dudley street, west side, Ward 7, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under a suspension of the rule.

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide for the construction of a granolithic sidewalk on Columbia road, east side, from Edward Everett square to Dudley street, Ward 7.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALKS IN WARD 20.

Coun. COX offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Dent street, both sides, from Ivory street to La Grange street, Ward 20, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Ivory street, both sides, Ward 20, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

NUMBERS ON CURBSTONES.

Coun. MURRAY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to report to the City Council as to the advisability and feasibility of numbering the curbstones in front of estates on accepted streets throughout the city.

Coun. MURRAY—Mr. President, I introduce the order at this time, not only because it may help some in the present unemployment situation, but because it will be a great convenience to have the numbers of residents on the curbstones in front of homes. In other cities, in the West, they do it, and I don't see why it should not be done here. People have to come along, when they are looking for a certain number, and ring the bell of houses in the neighborhood, to the great annoyance of the residents. This would also be of assistance of letter carriers and others. It will be a good thing for everybody, and will obviate the necessity of going around with flashlights, and also ringing bells and disturbing people at night. I move a suspension of the rule and the passage of the order.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF WILMINGTON AVENUE.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out Wilmington avenue, from Milton avenue to Gallivan Boulevard, in Ward 17, Dorchester.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SECOND RECESS.

President LYNCH—The Chair is advised that the secretary is drawing up a number of street orders, and that it would be advisable to take a short recess at this time.

On motion of Coun. GREEN, the Council at 3 p. m. took a recess subject to the call of the Chair.

The Council was called at order by President LYNCH at 3.03 p. m.

CHARLESTOWN IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. GREEN offered the following.

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to repair the iron fence on the Alford street side of the Sullivan Square Playground, which is in dangerous condition.

Ordered, That the trustees of the Boston Public Library be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide for the establishment of a branch library in the Sullivan square section of Charlestown.

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to include in his budget for the coming year a sum sufficient to provide for the construction of additional bleachers on the Sullivan Square Playground.

Ordered, That the Department of School Buildings be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to start work as soon as possible on the erection of the new Junior High School in Charlestown.

Ordered, That the School Committee be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make provision for an auditorium in the plans for the new Junior High School to be erected in Charlestown.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Auburn street, both sides, Ward 2, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Elm street, Ward 2, both sides, from Bunker Hill to Medford streets, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

BRANCH OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYMENT BUREAU.

Coun. KELLY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to consider the advisability of opening a branch of the Municipal Employment Bureau in the Municipal Building on Columbia road, Uphams Corner.

Coun. KELLY—Mr. President, last week the Dorchester Board of Trade, on November 17, held a meeting at their rooms at Uphams Corner, at which were present representatives of the Dorchester Citizens' Association, the Dorchester Lower Mills Association, the Blue Hill Betterment Association, the Uphams Corner Improvement Association and the Codman Square Improvement Association. A committee of three were appointed to see me in regard to getting the Mayor interested in this matter of installing an employment bureau at Uphams Corner for the benefit of the unemployed, as Uphams Corner is the most central point in that district. A survey shows that 15 per

cent of the laborers out there have been laid off in the last two months. There are 2,000 storekeepers, 30,000 property owners and 200,000 people who are very much interested in this matter. The Dorchester Real Estate Brokers' Association has started a drive to relieve unemployment through a Fix-It-Now Campaign, trying to get every householder to fix up about his home, employing residents of Dorchester for the purpose. We all feel that Uphams Corner is the proper central point to establish such an employment station. The committee appointed at the meeting

was Capt. M. J. Norton, Frank Russell and Patrick J. Connolly, and it is felt that this might very properly be a matter for his Honor the Mayor to attend to on his return from the West Indies. I ask for the passage of the order and the suspension of the rule.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

Adjourned, at 3.08 p. m., on motion of Coun. MURRAY, to meet on Monday, December 1 1930, at 2 p. m.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, December 1, 1930.

Regular meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President LYNCH in the chair and all the members present.

JURORS DRAWN.

Jurors were drawn under the law. Coun. RUBY presiding at the box in the absence of his Honor the Mayor, and President LYNCH calling Coun. Gallagher to the chair, as follows:

Twenty-two grand jurors, Superior Criminal Court, to appear January 5, 1931:

Henry J. Kiernan, Ward 1; Edward F. Walsh, Ward 1; William F. Hughes, Ward 3; Joseph Goodman, Ward 5; William E. Gillespie, Ward 9; Thomas J. Henry, Ward 10; Peter McHugh, Ward 10; Arthur T. Downey, Ward 11; John J. Gallagher, Ward 15; John J. King, Ward 15; William A. Donahoe, Jr., Ward 16; James J. Stapleton, Ward 16; Frank Viafora, Ward 16; Nathan Burman, Ward 17; William F. Kearns, Ward 17; Henry J. Quinn, Ward 17; Jacob Schweitzer, Ward 17; Howard C. Connor, Ward 18; George H. Conley, Ward 19; William J. Hannon, Ward 19; Harold Lougee, Ward 19; Joseph S. Nuss, Ward 21.

Twenty-three traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, First Session, January Sitting, 1931, to appear January 5, 1931:

Laurence H. Brennan, Ward 1; William S. Benn, Ward 4; Arthur E. Childs, Ward 5; John J. Cavanaugh, Ward 6; Charles Derby, Ward 7; Thomas Handley, Ward 8; Francis R. Conboy, Ward 10; Charles H. McGee, Ward 10; Philip B. Smith, Ward 10; Joseph Belfiore, Ward 11; Thomas H. Dempsey, Ward 11; Raymond W. Hergt, Ward 11; Thomas J. Waters, Ward 11; Solomon Friedman, Ward 12; Thomas O'Brien, Ward 16; James J. Atwood, Ward 18; James F. Dolan, Ward 19; Arnold F. Ihlefeldt, Ward 19; Bernard H. Sundberg, Ward 19; William A. Heyer, Ward 20; John T. Helfer, Ward 22; James F. Hughes, Ward 22; Thomas F. Neas, Ward 22.

Twenty-five traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Second Session, January Sitting, 1931, to appear January 5, 1931:

Gerald F. McCarthy, Ward 1; James E. Herne, Ward 3; Waldo S. Kendall, Ward 5; Arthur S. Ward, Ward 5; Adam Kulas, Ward 6; Harry E. Day, Ward 8; Joseph P. Baggs, Ward 9; Allen H. Clarke, Ward 9; Herman E. Willis, Ward 12; John J. Donovan, Ward 13; Harry R. Dalton, Ward 17; Paul J. McWilliams, Ward 17; Edward G. Nutting, Ward 17; Arthur N. Hauge, Ward 18; Philip Heck, Ward 18; Charles W. Upham, Ward 18; James B. Watson, Ward 18; Joseph D. Dilworth, Ward 19; Richard P. Kelley, Ward 19; Albert E. Phillips, Ward 19; Edward F. Foley, Ward 20; Otto F. Janda, Ward 20; Ernest G. A. Dennett, Ward 21; John F. Sullivan, Ward 22; Peter L. Murphy, Ward 22.

Twenty traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Third Session, January Sitting, 1931, to appear January 5, 1931:

Timothy X. Donovan, Ward 1; Charles F. West, Ward 3; Abraham Fish, Ward 5; John J. Gorham, Ward 6; William Laubenstein, Ward 7; James Krigman, Ward 14; Robert J. Maynard, Ward 14; Joseph A. McKeone, Ward 14; Arthur Ritchie, Ward 14; Thomas Ryan, Ward 16; Frederick W. Lambrecht, Ward 18; Peter A. Bernazzani, Ward 19; Arthur T. Carty, Ward 19; Edward S. Holmes, Ward 19; Leo A. McCarthy, Ward 19; Alonzo G. Webb, Ward 19; Eugene A. Bossi, Ward 20; Abe Cohen, Ward 21; Harley R. Reed, Ward 21; Charles G. Work, Ward 21.

Twenty-seven traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Fourth Session, January Sitting, 1931, to appear January 5, 1931.

Frederick T. McDonnell, Ward 1; Frank A. McLeod, Ward 1; John J. Donahue, Ward 2; William S. Burnside, Ward 3; James Charles Danforth, Ward 4; Frank L. Reed, Ward 5; Julius Wolfe, Ward 5; Elijah T. Dawson, Ward 6; John Pierce, Ward 6; William A. Ryan, Ward 7; Charles P. Curtis, Ward 8; Paul J. Murphy, Ward 8; William F. Queeney, Ward 8; Martin P. Whelan, Ward 8; Bernard D. Brawley, Ward 10; Henry F. Ross, Ward 11; Samuel Goldstein, Ward 14; Claus A. Anderson, Ward 15; George H. Baldwin, Ward 15; Dudley A. Duhy, Ward 17; Thomas I. Hartley, Ward 17; Harold E. Carpenter, Ward 18; Henry W. Dewey, Ward 18; Charles F. Does, Ward 18; John B. Dolan, Ward 19; Frank K. Walter, Ward 19; George D. O'Connor, Ward 21.

Seventeen traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Fifth Session, January Sitting, 1931, to appear January 5, 1931:

James F. Toomey, Ward 2; William A. Celeste, Ward 3; Warren C. Clough, Ward 4; John J. Kelleher, Jr., Ward 4; Arthur F. Johnson, Ward 6; Fred Miller, Ward 12; Joseph A. Phipps, Ward 13; Manuel Garr, Ward 14; Alfred E. DeLong, Ward 15; Daniel B. Mullin, Ward 15; Joseph P. Ratigan, Ward 16; Edward M. Colbeth, Ward 17; Thomas Gillespie, Ward 17; Edward J. Powers, Ward 17; James H. Lalor, Ward 19; Edward L. Hickey, Ward 20; Clifford E. King, Ward 21.

Twenty-two traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Sixth Session, January Sitting, 1931, to appear January 5, 1931:

Hiram T. Eldridge, Ward 1; Daniel H. McGunigle, Ward 1; David Fitzgibbons, Ward 2; Michael J. Riley, Ward 2; George Bingle, Ward 3; Frank J. McKay, Ward 3; George W. Goddard, Ward 5; James F. Cosby, Ward 7; James R. O'Connor, Jr., Ward 7; John Caprio, Ward 8; Richard Cushing, Ward 8; William J. Doyle, Ward 11; Emery Desautels, Ward 12; Frank L. Donahue, Ward 12; Raphael Ficociello, Ward 13; John F. Buckley, Ward 17; John A. Lanata, Ward 18; George L. Speers, Ward 19; Fred R. Davis, Ward 20; William P. Donovan, Ward 22; James M. Roche, Ward 22; Joseph Seskin, Ward 14.

Twenty-one traverse jurors, Superior Civil Court, Seventh Session, January Sitting, 1931, to appear January 5, 1931:

William Bonin, Ward 1; Robert J. Keogh, Ward 1; Patrick Devlin, Ward 2; Walter J. Edyvcan, Ward 3; Harry Rosenbergs, Ward 3; Robert G. Kenney, Ward 4; Fred Ladue, Ward 6; Mark Brown, Ward 10; Daniel F. Keenan, Ward 10; Thomas J. Donohue, Ward 14; Richard F. Barker, Ward 16; Martin T. Concannon, Ward 16; William W. Hodgson, Jr., Ward 16; John F. Butters, Ward 17; Joseph W. Donovan, Ward 17; John Perry, Ward 17; Gerard L. Bond, Ward 19; Joseph A. Sullivan, Ward 19; Edwin F. Forrest, Ward 20; Andrew F. Carlin, Ward 21; Edward E. Morrison, Ward 22.

Thirty-one traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, First Session, to appear January 5, 1931:

Edward F. Lynch, Ward 1; Peter John Donahue, Ward 2; Charles E. Dwyer, Ward 2; Patrick J. Hartigan, Ward 2; Jeremiah F. Healey, Ward 2; James Ramazotto, Ward 3; Ernest H. Smith, Ward 4; William J. Fisher, Ward 5; Edward T. Croken, Ward 6; Bernard Hughes, Ward 7; Thomas D. Sallaway, Ward 7; William F. Reardon, Ward 9; Edward A. Schell, Ward 11; Thomas H. Canning, Ward 14; David Urdang, Ward 14; Dennis Hanlon, Ward 15; John J. Watters, Ward 15; Francis A. Chambers, Ward 16; Frank N. Deveau, Ward 16; Dennis J. Hurley, Ward 16; Thomas A. Loughlin, Ward 16; Jeremiah Lyons, Ward 17; Harold L. English, Ward 18; Harry H. Coman, Ward 20; Charles S. Greene, Ward 20; George T. Moody, Ward 20; Johan Henning Young, Ward 20; Frank B. Bokman, Ward 21; Ralph L. Donnelly, Ward 22; Benjamin H. Farrar, Ward 22; Patrick Toomey, Ward 22.

Thirty-one traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, Third Session, to appear January 5, 1931:

Charles H. McMasters, Ward 1; Michael S. Cooney, Ward 2; Lewis Hodgkins, Ward 3; Frank J. Tobin, Ward 4; William S. Appleton, Ward 5; Walter F. Billings, Ward 7; James Conlon, Ward 7; Joseph L. Holmann, Ward 7; William R. Keogh, Ward 10; Elmer C. Fuller, Ward 12; Maurice J. Walsh, Jr., Ward 14; Peter Fin-

neran, Ward 15; Harold G. Imray, Ward 15; Walter J. Karle, Ward 15; Michael Donovan, Ward 16; Albert Ernest Bate, Ward 18; Charles W. Kinander, Ward 18; Herman G. Swan, Ward 18; Frank H. Cheney, Ward 19; Charles D. Coakley, Ward 19; George L. Healy, Ward 19; Chester E. Chellman, Ward 20; Ralph Coppola, Ward 20; Carl L. Muller, Ward 20; Anthony Thomas, Ward 20; George F. Rauh, Ward 20; Gustave R. Woernle, Ward 20; Albert I. Fishel, Ward 21; Willis E. Burbank, Ward 22; Albert E. Cobb, Ward 22; Frank L. Wheeler, Ward 21.

Thirty-one traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, Fourth Session, to appear January 5, 1931:

Edward Carroll, Ward 1; Melbourne Doucette, Ward 1; Peter Gaffney, Ward 1; Walter M. Campbell, Ward 2; Frank A. McDonald, Ward 2; William E. Ord, Ward 4; Elmer K. Waldron, Ward 4; Francis J. McCarthy, Ward 6; William H. Oglesby, Ward 7; Leo F. Walker, Ward 7; John J. Devin, Ward 8; Charles J. Cleveland, Ward 9; James A. Thompson, Ward 9; Henry Bohmbach, Ward 10; Patrick J. Fitzpatrick, Ward 10; Edwin A. Reynolds, Ward 10; William A. Clay, Ward 12; Hyman Jacobs, Ward 14; Sumner Shorey, Ward 15; Joseph S. Dillon, Ward 16; Vincent J. Loonie, Ward 16; Albert H. Mullen, Ward 16; Edmund W. Daval, Ward 17; Thomas D. O'Connor, Ward 17; Edwin H. Thompson, Ward 18; Joseph S. Ambrose, Ward 19; William B. Ernst, Ward 19; Leopold W. Schultz, Ward 19; James Henderson, Ward 20; William O. Partridge, Ward 20; Arthur R. Weeber, Ward 20.

Thirty-one traverse jurors, Superior Criminal Court, Fifth Session, to appear January 12, 1931:

George M. Decker, Ward 1; Chester E. Keenan, Ward 1; John F. Hayes, Ward 2; John P. Shepard, Ward 2; Santo Finocchiora, Ward 3; James A. Clarke, Ward 5; Michael E. Joyce, Ward 6; Charles H. Atkins, Ward 7; Harry DeKonte, Ward 7; Edward P. Morris, Ward 7; Jerome E. Collins, Ward 9; James E. Donnelly, Ward 9; James J. Craven, Ward 11; Thomas F. Kilroy, Ward 11; John J. Murphy, Ward 11; John J. McManus, Ward 12; Joseph P. Fredey, Ward 13; Samuel J. Honigsberg, Ward 14; Joseph E. Ingoldsby, Ward 14; William Holtz, Ward 15; Walter A. Lee, Ward 15; James F. McCarthy, Ward 16; James D. Thumith, Ward 17; Henry Block, Ward 18; Peter A. Palmberg, Ward 18; Frederick L. Reissfelder, Ward 19; George Adams, Ward 20; John A. England, Ward 20; Eric C. Lewis, Ward 20; Herbert N. Littlefield, Ward 21; Patrick A. Doyle, Ward 22.

APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointment for the term ending April 30, 1931, viz.:

Weighter of Goods: Samuel N. Schlesinger, 140 Granite avenue, Dorchester.

Laid over a week under the law.

DEFECTIVE CATCH-BASINS, WARD 4.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, December 1, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report received from John E. Carty, Acting Commissioner of Public Works, with reference to the order adopted by your honorable body upon November 17, 1930, with regard to repairing the defective catch-basins near 18 Leon street, Ward 4.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department,
November, 29, 1930.

To His Honor the Mayor.

In reply to attached order of City Council, dated November 17, requesting the Commissioner of Public Works to repair defective catch-basins near 18 Leon street, Ward 4: Upon receipt of this order, which was the first information the department had of any trouble there, we had an inspection made, which disclosed that the basins

were free and clean, but that an outlet for one of the basins was plugged up. The sewer has since been cleaned, the outlets blown out and new traps installed, and there should be no further difficulties there.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN E. CARTY,

Acting Commissioner of Public Works.

Placed on file.

FENCE AT SULLIVAN SQUARE PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, December 1, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, with reference to repairing the iron fence at the Sullivan Square Playground. This is in reply to your order of November 24, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Park Department, November 29, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I am in receipt of an order from the City Council that the Park Commission be requested to repair the iron fence on the Alford street side of the Sullivan Square Playground.

This fence is in such a condition that it is useless to repair same. I am inserting an item in the budget of 1931 to allow the erection of a new fence, which is badly needed at this area.

Respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

Placed on file.

CENTURY OF PROGRESS EXPOSITION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, November 28, 1930.
To the Honorable the City Council.

Gentlemen,—In the order passed by your honorable body on November 10, 1930, you requested that the Commercial, Industrial and Publicity Bureau, through this office, advise the City Council upon the following three matters:

1. The terms of the contract and business arrangements for the Century of Progress Exposition to be held at Columbus Park next June.

2. The manner in which profits are to be divided if said exposition is operated at a profit and the manner in which the deficit is to be paid if said exposition is operated with a resulting deficit.

3. The authority for and terms of the lease of land of the city for the purpose of said exposition.

In reply to the first question, I beg to advise your honorable body that the Century of Progress Exposition to be held at Columbus Park next June is to be carried on by a corporation known as the New England Century of Progress Exposition, Inc., the directors of which are to be many of the leading citizens of this city, interested in its commercial and industrial welfare.

In reply to your second question, I am advised that the net profits of the exposition are to be paid over to the Commercial, Industrial and Publicity Bureau of the city, to carry on its present work of stimulating business in the city by advertising and such other means as it deems advisable, and to such other public agencies as in the opinion of the Board of Directors should be assisted in the carrying on of their work, in behalf of the business and industrial interests of the city. Any deficit that may result from the carrying on of the exposition will be borne by leading citizens of the community who will gain from the production of this exposition, and by such other means and sources as may be devised to meet such contingency.

In answer to your third question, please be advised that the Park Department, in accordance with law, will lease Columbus Park to the corporation for a nominal sum for the period of the exposition, special provision having been made for the complete restoration of the park to its present condition.

I assure your honorable body that the entire matter of conducting this exposition is being car-

ried on in full compliance with law and for the best interests of the city, to the end that there may be a revival of business and industry in the city and incidentally help towards solving the great unemployment problem and business depression now confronting this community.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

SALE OF OLD POLICE STATION NO. 8.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 21, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—The property formerly occupied as Police Station No. 8, and located at the junction of Commercial and Battery streets, is no longer necessary for any municipal purpose. This property contains 5,323 square feet of land, and upon numerous occasions during the past years attempts have been made unsuccessfully to dispose of it.

This land has an assessed value of \$10,000, but apparently the location does not appeal to persons in the real estate business. Accordingly, I recommend the adoption of the accompanying order, providing for the sale of the said property at public auction at an upset price of \$20,000.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Superintendent of Public Buildings be, and hereby is, authorized to sell at a duly advertised public auction, at an upset price of \$20,000, the property formerly occupied as Police Station No. 8, and located at the junction of Commercial and Battery streets.

Referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

EXPENSES OF PORT DIFFERENTIAL CASE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, November 26, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I submit herewith a request from the Secretary of the Boston Port Authority for an additional appropriation of \$5,000 to meet various expenses in connection with the Port Differential case, hearings on which will begin at the Chamber of Commerce Building on December 1.

In compliance with this request, I submit the necessary appropriation order and respectfully recommend its adoption by your honorable body.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Boston Port Authority, Custom House,
Boston, November 24, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mayor Curley,—A few days ago, upon looking over the state of our funds, it became clear to me that in order to meet various expenses in connection with the Port Differential case, it would be necessary for us to request the City Council, through you, for an additional \$5,000. As this amount is still remaining uncalled for under our appropriation, we are requesting that the order prepared at our request by Mr. Silverman, two copies of which are inclosed, may be presented with your recommendation to the City Council so that the money may be made immediately available.

The hearings on the differential case begin at the Chamber of Commerce Building, at ten a. m., Monday, December 1. We are looking forward to your being present, if not on that day, on the day following, so that a statement from you, which we regard as especially important, may be made and incorporated in the records of the proceedings.

I hope you have had a very restful and enjoyable trip to the West Indies.

Very truly yours,
BOSTON PORT AUTHORITY,
RICHARD PARKHURST,
Secretary.

Ordered, That the sum of five thousand (5,000) dollars be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the Boston Port Authority for the

purpose of employing special counsel, accountants, clerical assistants and other employees and for all other expenses incidental to the prosecution of petitions and complaints filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission relative to the elimination of port differentials, said sum to be charged to the Reserve Fund and all expenditures thereof to be subject to the written requisition and approval of said Boston Port Authority, in accordance with the provisions of section three of chapter two hundred and thirty of the Acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-nine.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

COMPLETION OF CENTRAL FIRE STATION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 1, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I beg to inclose herewith recommendation of the City Auditor with reference to an additional appropriation for the completion of a central fire station and respectfully request the approval of the same by your honorable body.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Auditing Department, December 1, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—Executions of court amounting to \$361,209.01 have been paid on account of Fire Station, West End District, Site. The original loan order was for \$300,000, thus leaving an excess of \$61,209.01.

You are respectfully requested to submit a loan order to the City Council for \$60,000 for this purpose, the balance of \$1,209.01 will be taken care of by transfer from other loan items.

Respectfully yours,

RUPERT S. CARVEN,
City Auditor.

Ordered, That the sum of \$60,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated to be expended under the direction of the Fire Commissioner for Fire Station, West End District, Site, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

WIDENING OF CENTRE STREET.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 3, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I beg to submit herewith a report of the Street Commissioners, the same constituting a reply to interrogatory contained in an order adopted by your honorable body under date of November 24, 1930.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Board of Street Commissioners,
December 1, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—Memorandum relating to the order of Councilor Dowd in connection with the starting of work on Centre street. This matter was taken up at a public conference, heard in the Mayor's office some four or five months ago, at which time it was determined, all parties assenting, to delay the work until the meeting of the Legislature in 1931, because of the fact that the 1930 act called for a street 100 feet wide and the general consensus of opinion appeared to be in favor of a street 80 feet wide. This would require action by the Legislature, and President Bacon of the Senate assured those present that it would be one of the first matters taken up by the incoming Legislature.

Respectfully yours,

THOMAS J. HURLEY, Chairman.

Placed on file.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Nazareth G. Avakian, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Kneeland street.

Charles Balyozian, for compensation for injuries caused by negligence of city employee.

Rose Chernenko, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Olney street.

Sarah Cillone, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 87 Porter street.

Herbert F. Dugan, for compensation for damage to property at 18 Fender street, caused by leak in water pipe.

Martin M. Flaherty, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect at 40 Park street.

Elizabeth M. Gillard, for compensation for damage to property at 52 Fremont place, caused by leak in water pipe.

Charles E. Gradwell, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in West Cedar street.

Rose Lezar, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Wales street and Blue Hill avenue.

Marguerite R. Malouf, for compensation for damage to clothing caused by an alleged defect in Norway street.

Joseph Mavazzi, for compensation for injuries received on ferryboat.

Frank Melino, for compensation for injuries received on ferryboat.

Maria Melino, for compensation for injuries received on ferryboat.

Carmella Meljara, for compensation for injuries received on ferry.

Methodist Religious Society, trustees of, for compensation for damage to property at Exeter and Newbury streets, caused by defective water pipes.

Rocco V. Morano *et al.*, for compensation for injuries received on ferryboat.

Thomas J. Murphy, for compensation for damage to property at 37 Stonehurst street, caused by backing up of sewage.

A. E. Parrott, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Welles avenue.

Pompeo Pizzillo, for compensation for injuries received on ferry.

S. Samuels, for compensation for damage to property at 156 Massachusetts avenue, caused by defective sewer.

John T. Sullivan *et al.*, for compensation for damage to car and injuries caused by city truck.

Isabella Trancredi, for compensation for injuries received on ferryboat.

Croce Ventresca, for compensation for injuries received on ferry.

Ralph Vozella, for compensation for injuries received on ferry.

Jennie Weinstein, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Fessenden street.

Executive.

Petitions for children under fifteen years of age to appear in places of public amusement, viz.:

Mildred C. Sacco, St. Anthony's Hall, December 8.

Codman Square Improvement Association, Dorchester High School for Boys, on December 3, 1930.

CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The constable's bond of James E. Pierce, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, was received and approved.

DEATH OF SCHOOL PUPIL.

A communication was received from the secretary of the School Committee acknowledging receipt of order passed by Council November 17 requesting investigation into death of pupil of the Aaron Davis School in Roxbury, and stating that prior to receipt of order the committee had begun an investigation of charged made by parents that death was due to blows received while attending school, and that said matter is still before the committee.

Placed on file.

SIDEWALK ASSESSMENTS.

Notice was received from the Acting Commissioner of Public Works of sidewalk assessments, together with orders assessing owners of estates their proportionate parts of cost of said construction, viz.:

Half Cost.

Pond street, Ward 19.....	\$90 28
Warren street, Ward 21.....	\$3,541 80
Mapleton street, Ward 22.....	\$637 38

Orders severally passed under suspension of the rule.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. DONOVAN, for the Committee on Finance, submitted reports, as follows:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred November 10) appropriating \$40,000 to be expended by Trustees of Boston City Hospital for New Administration Building, Furnishing and Equipping, and authorizing City Treasurer to issue bonds or certificates of indebtedness to said amount—that same ought to pass.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, this loan order for \$40,000 is the result of the opening of the new Administration Building at the City Hospital and the demolition of the old Administration Building. This is to be used to equip the building with desks, stacks, and so forth, and also for the outfitting of a conference room, a room for the public, and the maintenance of a library there. It is a much-needed appropriation, and should immediately enable them to transfer from the old Administration Building to the new, starting work immediately on the demolition of the old building.

The report was accepted, and the order was given its first reading and passage, yeas 18, nays 0. The order will take its second reading and passage in not less than fourteen days.

2. Report on order (referred July 21) that \$75,000 be appropriated to be expended under direction of Park Commission for improving Healy playground, Roslindale, and authorizing the City Treasurer to issue bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order given its first reading and passage, yeas 17, nays 0.

The order will take its second reading and passage in not less than fourteen days.

WARD 1 IMPROVEMENTS.

Coun. DONOVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to include in the budget for 1931 a sum sufficient to provide for the installation and maintenance of a "white way" lighting system along Bennington street, Ward 1, from Central square to the Revere line.

Ordered, That the Boston Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an automatic traffic signal at the junction of Saratoga street and Bennington street, Ward 1.

Ordered, That the Boston Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install a flashing beacon at the junction of Marion street, White street and Meridian street, Ward 1.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

PARKING AROUND CITY HALL ANNEX.

Coun. DONOVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to cooperate with the Police Commissioner in preventing the continual parking of cars around City Hall Annex.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION, WARD 1.

Coun. DONOVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Bennington street,

both sides, from Ashley street to Antrim street, Ward 1, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 193 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along 18-22-26 Ashley street, Ward 1, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Severally passed under suspension of the rules.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION, WARD 2.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Belmont street, both sides, from Bunker Hill street to Medford street, Ward 2, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Sackville street, both sides, from Bunker Hill street to Medford street, Ward 2, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Chappie street, both sides, from Bunker Hill street to Medford street, Ward 2, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Elm street, both sides, from Bunker Hill street to Medford street, Ward 2, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Mishawum street, both sides, from Main street to Rutherford avenue, Ward 2, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Auburn street, both sides, from Main street to Bunker Hill street, Ward 2, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of Chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

JOHN PHILIP HICKEY PARK.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to name the small park on Medford street, opposite Charlestown Heights, Ward 2, John Philip Hickey Park, in memory of said Hickey, a late veteran of the World War.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RELIEF STATION IN DORCHESTER.

Coun. RUBY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Trustees of the Boston City Hospital be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to include in the budget for 1931 a sum sufficient to provide for the establishment and maintenance of a relief station in the central part of Dorchester.

Coun. RUBY—Mr. President, with the Dorchester part of Boston fast growing, at the present time containing over 200,000 inhabitants in what is known as the Dorchester wards, I believe that the establishment of a relief hospital for that district is a necessity. There are many factories in the Neponset section of Dorchester and Dorchester Lower Mills, as well as in other parts of Dorchester and Mattapan, and at its farthest point Dorchester is over six miles from the present City Hospital. It would, therefore, seem imperative that some action be taken so that proper hospitalization may be provided for that district. With conditions as they are, with the City Hospital so far removed and inaccessible because of congested traffic, it would seem that the time has come when provision should be made in the central part of Dorchester to serve the five wards out there, almost one fourth of the entire City of Boston, and that for that purpose a relief hospital should be established and maintained under the hospital trustees.

Coun. FISH—Mr. President, I think the order just introduced by Councilor Ruby is a very good one. We have a population of possibly a quarter of a million people in Dorchester, larger than that of any city in New England outside of Boston. I believe such a relief station might be well provided at either Codman square or Fields Corner, and I certainly hope his Honor the Mayor will act favorably upon the order.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I also wish to be recorded in favor of Councilor Ruby's order, having in mind an order passed in this Council as long ago as April 23, 1928, which requested the Public Buildings Commissioner, if I am correct, to advise the City Council as to the approximate cost of construction of a modern, municipal building on the present so-called library lot in Codman square. The order was repeated on July 16, 1928, and answered on August 30, at which time we received an estimated cost of the building as \$300,000. The cost of the present library building in Codman square, on city-owned land, was \$35,000 in 1904. I then introduced a similar order as long ago as October 8, 1928, reading as follows:

"Whereas a so-called health unit erected from the George R. White Fund has already been constructed in South Boston at a cost of \$368,000, and

"Whereas it is proposed to lay the cornerstone of a new health unit from said George R. White Fund in Charlestown, estimated to cost \$247,000, and

"Whereas it is reported that a third health unit is to be constructed in Roxbury, with work to be started within a month,

"Ordered, that his Honor the Mayor"—that is, the former Mayor—"be, and he hereby is, respectfully requested forthwith to confer with the Trustees of the George R. White Fund in reference to the early construction of a health unit in the Dorchester district, which said section comprises at least five of the twenty-two wards of the City of Boston."

As long ago as February 11, 1929, Councilor Fish introduced a \$500,000 order to provide a municipal building for his ward, Ward 18, but was fair enough to the other councilors in the Dorchester district to agree to an amendment of his order to the effect that the building should be placed somewhere in the five Dorchester wards. This matter, therefore, being one that has been proposed by all of the five Dorchester councilors since as long ago as spring, 1928, we feel should receive consideration in the budget for the coming year.

The order was passed, under suspension of the rule.

PRICE OF COAL.

Coun. DOWD offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to recommend to the President of the United States that a federal investigation be had

of the present coal situation, with a view to lowering the price to the consumer.

Coun. DOWD—Mr. President, I realize only too well that this body is set against memorializing the President of the United States and Congress, inasmuch as we have our own Congressional Representatives and Senators from this state, who are presumed to look after the interests of the state. I have on this date sent a letter to the Senators and Congressmen of Massachusetts, similar to the order I have introduced, under which I have asked his Honor the Mayor to recommend this action, looking to a Federal investigation having in mind the lowering of the price of coal in New England. When we stop to consider the western states—in Chicago, for example, you can buy anthracite coal for slightly under \$7 a ton to the consumer, while the people of Boston pay \$16.50 a ton. There is no commodity in the entire country the price of which affects working men and women more than the price of coal, and we have seen the price steadily increase during the last few years. Boston is nearer to the coal mines than Chicago and some of the other great western states. It is a known fact that the price paid at the mines is \$6.50 for hard anthracite coal, and I don't think anybody can disagree with me when I say that when the companies pay a dollar a ton to bring coal here on barges, and pay but \$1.95 by rail, the maximum price of coal in Boston should be much lower than it is. When it arrives in Boston it should be \$7.50 or \$8 a ton, and to my mind there is no reason for the exorbitant price of \$16.50 per ton paid by the consumers. I say it is up to our Congressmen and Senators, our representatives in Washington, to demand a Federal investigation of this situation as it affects Boston and New England, with a view to reducing the price of coal to the consumers.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

INSTALLMENT PAYMENTS ON TAXES.

Coun. NORTON offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Collector be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to consider the advisability of accepting installment payments on all taxes due the city.

Coun. NORTON—Mr. President, a number of cases have been brought to my attention of late of owners of homes who have had, we will say, \$50, \$60 or \$75 to pay on taxes which will perhaps amount to \$90 or more, but the whole amount was immediately demanded. There is one case where the individual had within \$5 of the total amount, but no exception was made in his case in spite of the fact that he had so large a proportion of the total sum ready to pay. We are living in the days of installment buying. I am not arguing for the success of the installment system or whether it may prove to be economic or not. The fact remains, however, that in our budgets installment payments have become an integral part of our social, economic and business situation. Therefore, I respectfully request that consideration be given to the matter of paying taxes in Boston on the installment plan. It is a plan that is now being used in about ten of our largest American cities, and a plan that is being studied by the National Bureau of Municipal Works in New York City.

Coun. KELLY—Mr. President, a few months past, before the city declared that it was going to sell the homes of these unfortunate people who were unable to raise every single cent of the taxes due for 1929, I introduced an order in this honorable body, which was passed unanimously, but, to my great amazement, along with a few other orders I have introduced, which I considered of importance to the taxpayers of the City of Boston, his Honor the Mayor did not think it of enough importance to answer. I say it is high time that the City of Boston should do as other cities do in this matter, giving a little leeway to people in times like the present on matters affecting the preservation of their homes. We can always step in, Mr. President, and seize a home. We can insist on the payment of taxes ultimately, and can seize a home if they are not paid. So what chance is the city taking in allowing people three or four months more in which to pay their taxes? Still, the Mayor of Boston did not see fit, when I introduced such an order a few months ago, to pay any attention to it. There was a case of a widow in my district who could not raise any

additional money, who had a second mortgage that wiped out every equity, so that she could not possibly add another mortgage, and who just needed a little help, as is the case with many others. Still, he did not see fit to answer it, although the mayors of other cities do not allow homes to be sold without giving at least two years to the owners to pay the taxes. I say in these times of depression, in real worthy cases the Mayor and the Tax Collector of the City of Boston should forget their strict business methods and give these people an opportunity to get on their feet. I trust that the order introduced by Councilor Norton, if passed, will meet with better success than the orders I have introduced have met with, and that the body will at least receive some sort of alibi or reply from the man downstairs.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION.

Coun. GALLAGHER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Washington street, from about 632 to 646, Ward 22, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Coun. ENGLERT offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Woodman street, both sides, from Custer street to Jamaica street, Ward 11, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

PAVING OF WOODMAN STREET.

Coun. ENGLERT offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to pave Woodman street, Ward 11, with smooth paving.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION, WARD 17.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Central avenue, Ward 17, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Washington street, Ward 17, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Capen avenue, Ward 17, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Severally passed under suspension of the rule.

APPROPRIATION FOR SOCIAL LAW LIBRARY.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That there be allowed and paid to the proprietors of the Social Law Library the sum of

one thousand dollars for the maintenance and enlargement of said library; said sum to be charged to the appropriation for County of Suffolk, Social Law Library.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

INCINERATION PLANT.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the sum of three hundred fifty thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Public Works Commissioner for the purchase of land if necessary, and for the construction of a modern incineration plant in the City of Boston, and that to meet such expense the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, at the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, in somewhat of the spirit of the old Roman tribune of many years ago, who ended every speech he made with the words, "Carthage must be destroyed," and eventually succeeded, I have introduced this order now for the fifth consecutive year. On August 2, 1926, an order was introduced by me into the City Council requesting advice as to the estimated cost of an incinerator to eliminate the present antiquated and unsanitary dump system in the City of Boston. After some delay, with no response to the particular order, the Public Works Department on November 8, 1926, advised this honorable body that there had been "a study of the situation since the receipt of this order, based on the cost of recent installations in New York City and several other large cities of the country, which shows that it will cost about \$4,000,000 to install incinerators in Boston to properly solve the problem. Plants would have to be constructed in various sections, the costs of which, by districts, would be as follows:

East Boston.....	\$335,000
Charlestown, North and West Ends...	715,000
South Boston, Back Bay and South End,	875,000
Brighton	335,000
Dorchester.....	715,000
West Roxbury and Hyde Park.....	335,000
Roxbury.....	715,000

On May 9, 1927, the following year, the second year of service of many members of the City Council, an order was passed by this body that the Mayor advise the Council as to the prospect, if any, of serious consideration of the problem of the installation of incinerators for rubbish disposal in at least one of the seven disposal districts in Boston, as set forth by the Public Works Commissioner in 1926. That order had in mind the installation of but one incinerator in one of the districts, in order to try the thing out. A year later, on March 26, 1928, an order which I introduced in this body was passed, that the sum of \$335,000 be appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Public Works Commissioner, for the construction of a modern incineration plant in the City of Boston. That loan order was passed by the City Council in June of 1928 and was vetoed by the late Mayor or the former Mayor—there is a distinction—Mayor Nichols, on the ground that the existing contract—namely, the Coleman contract for disposal of three-fourths of the material collected in the City of Boston, would not expire for four years,—showing that he completely missed the point, which was simply that an incineration plant be tried in one of the districts before the expiration of the Coleman contract, so that in 1932, when this ten-year contract expired, we would be in a position to know whether the present system, objectionable to many, of disposal on Spectacle Island should be given up, as it has evidently been the experience of other cities of the United States that incineration is the proper way of handling the problem of disposal of rubbish and garbage. Former Mayor Nichols, however, vetoed the order. Last year again a loan order of \$350,000 was introduced for the installation of an incineration plant in one of the seven districts of the city, so that we might know when 1932, the date of expiration of the present contract, arrived, where we stood. Mayor Nichols, however, in his wisdom vetoed that order on the same ground, that three-fourths of the rubbish disposed of in the City of Boston was disposed of under the contract, and that that would not expire for three years. And so, after five

years, we are now one year nearer the expiration of the Coleman contract. For that reason I have introduced the order at this time—not for the installation of incinerators in all seven districts, but for the installation of an incinerator in one district, so that we may know before 1932 whether the Coleman contract, of doubtful value, is to be renewed or not, and on the same terms. I ask that this order be sent to the Finance Committee of the Council.

The order was referred to the Committee on Finance.

RECESS.

The Council voted, at 3.30 p. m., on motion of Coun. RUBY, to take a recess, subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by President LYNCH at 3.50 p. m.

PAYMENT TO AMBULANCE DRIVERS.

Coun. COX offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Trustees of the Boston City Hospital be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide for the payment of wages in full to ambulance drivers during their absence because of injuries received in the performance of their duties.

Coun. COX—Mr. President, we do not often think of ambulance drivers, except sometimes when they are needed. It seems to me that if an ambulance driver is injured in the performance of his duty the city should keep him on full pay until he recovers from the injury and is put back at work. I hope the Trustees of the City Hospital will endeavor to do this, if it is possible under the present laws. I ask a suspension of the rule and the passage of the order.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS.

Coun. MAHONEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today), appropriating \$5,000 to be expended by Boston Port Authority for all expenses incidental to prosecution of petitions and complaints filed with Interstate Commerce Commission relative to elimination of port differentials—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; order passed, yeas 18, nays 0.

2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today), that sum of \$60,000 be appropriated to be expended under direction of Fire Commissioner for fire station, West End District, site, and that City Treasurer be authorized to issue bonds or certificates of indebtedness of city to said amount—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order given its first reading and passage, yeas 18, nays 0.

The order will take its second reading and passage in not less than fourteen days.

3. Report on petitions (referred today), for children under fifteen years of age to appear in places of public amusement, viz.:

Mildred C. Sacco, St. Anthony's Hall, December 8; Codman Square Improvement Association, Dorchester High School for Boys on December 3, 1930,—that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted on usual conditions.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS REPORT.

Coun. McGRATH, for the Committee on Public Lands, submitted the following report, viz.:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred September 29) that the Board of Park Commissioners be authorized under the provisions of Acts of 1899 to sell at public auction parcel of land owned by city at corner of Chestnut Hill avenue and Commonwealth avenue—that same ought not to pass.

The report was accepted, and the question came on the passage of the order.

At request of Coun. Curtis, the order was reread.

Coun. DOWD moved to amend the order by inserting after the words "public auction" the words "at an upset price of \$200,000."

Coun. Dowd's amendment was adopted, and the question came on the passage of the order as amended.

Coun. DOWD—Mr. President, I have had this amendment made to the original order because of the fact that the order presented by his Honor the Mayor entitles the Park Commissioner to sell the land at ten cents a foot if he deems it wise or necessary. There is no provision for an upset price in the order submitted to us, and I think before the Council passes upon the order in any form, whether to adopt or reject it, it would be a very good precedent for us to have an upset price attached to the same. Let me point out the facts briefly. The City of Boston purchased a lot of land a quarter of a mile away and paid \$2.25 a foot for it. This corner lot is perhaps one of the most valuable in the City of Boston. I have no objection to the city selling the land, if it be deemed necessary, provided the taxpayers are protected. But I say that a fair upset price is \$200,000.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, as a member of the Public Lands Committee I regret to state that I just entered the chamber, and did not hear the report read and don't know what it is. I simply entered while a vote was being taken. This is, of course, through no fault of our secretary or chairman. But I would like to personally explain just how I feel in this matter, as a member of the committee. I personally received notice of the hearing very late in the forenoon, perhaps due to the fact that the previous day had been a holiday and that it was difficult to have the notices delivered any sooner. But my own personal notice was very short, and I was unable to come. I have heard nothing to indicate to me that the Mayor is intensely either for or against the order. I have had an opportunity to read a statement of the law quoted to the committee, to the effect that there is grave doubt whether the City of Boston has the right to sell this particular land. But, whatever may be the arguments, whatever the committee may have heard or have not heard, I, perhaps erroneously, feel, with not even a quorum of the committee present, as I understand—and I may be in error—and especially at this season of the year, that there is no controlling reason for rushing this through, especially having in mind the legal questions whether we have a right to sell the land and that we don't know what the value of the land is. Therefore, if in order, I move that the matter be sent back to the committee.

Coun. McGRATH—Mr. President, might I say that when this order came in for the second time, introduced by his Honor the Mayor, I went to the councilor from Brighton (Coun. Hein) and said to him that I would fix a date for the hearing at his convenience, because of the fact that he had a number of people in his district who were interested and who wished to be heard. The date for the hearing was set five weeks ahead, because of the pending election, and that was perfectly agreeable to me. Before the day for which the hearing was called notices were sent out, I suppose, as they are sent on all meetings, and a great group of people, among them lawyers and people in business, were present. Personally I was chagrined to find that only two members of the committee were interested enough to be present. But, sir, rather than take up the time of all the people who were here by a postponement, I called in other members of the Council and proceeded with the hearing, at the suggestion of the councilor who is most interested, this being in his district. If members of the committee do not see fit to come to committee meetings, it is not up to the chairman of the committee. Of course, a man has his own activities and things in which he is interested, and that is none of my affair, but in justice to those who came and gave up the afternoon I went through with the meeting. As I understand it, the Corporation Counsel has informed the Council that this land is in the same situation as all the other Reservoir land which was originally bought,—that we have no right under the law to fix the price at which the land shall be sold. That is under the jurisdiction of his Honor the Mayor and the Park Commissioners. This is an extremely valuable piece of land, one of the best corners on Commonwealth avenue. But the Park Commissioner came here and I said, "Is this a playground?" He said, "No." "Have you ever

recognized it as a playground?" "No." It is a piece of property taken under the old Reservoir land-taking, under which 66,000 feet was taken on one side of Commonwealth avenue and 1,800,000 feet on the other side. So this is not recognized as a playground by the Park Commission. It is, however, a city-owned piece of land, and children have been allowed to play upon it because nobody prevented them from doing so. The committee reported "Ought not to pass." I favored selling the property. I, too, would like to see an upset price on it, and favored the amendment of the gentleman from Ward 8 (Coun. Dowd) setting an upset price, and if that should prevail it can then be determined whether it can be sold at that price or not. I might say that three attorneys came in here—Mr. Clark, Mr. Lazarus and Mr. Lane—and each of them more or less substantiated their claim that we could not sell this under the law. Mr. Clark said, in the presence of all who were gathered, that if the Council passed this he was going to take it to the Supreme Court. So, whether we pass it today or don't pass it, makes, little difference, so far as the action of the body is concerned, because if our action is negative, that probably ends it anyway, and if it is affirmative these gentlemen are going to try it out in the Supreme Court. I say, therefore, that we might as well let it go in that way, allowing the Corporation Counsel to take it up with the other members of the bar. If we have a right to sell it, let us if possible set an upset price; if the contention of the other attorneys is correct, we have no right to sell this property.

Coun. HEIN—Mr. President, this playground so called has been used in this district for the last thirty years. It has been maintained by the Park Department, settees have been placed around by the Park Department. Mr. Long, when before the committee, said that the men of the department have been out there in the summertime cutting grass. So I think it is certainly somewhat of a playground. Let me say to the councilors that if a playground of this sort can be easily sold in my district there is danger that the same thing will be tried in their districts. I think it is high time for the City of Boston to reserve the playgrounds that are in existence.

Coun. KELLY—Mr. President, the proposition to sell this playground—although the Park Commissioner does not seem to think it is a playground—was the cause of my visiting this particular plot of land on Commonwealth avenue, and I found out during my visit to this city-owned property children from ten to twelve years of age down to five and six years of age playing there. I recall also back in the fall of 1917, the fall of 1921 and again the fall of 1929, a certain man who was a candidate for office in the City of Boston going to different sections throughout the city and advocating playgrounds, posing as a playground champion for the children. So when this order came into the Council I had to look twice to see if it was the same Mayor, if it was his order, and to my great amazement I found that it came from none other than the champion of playgrounds for the children, that being the platform on which he was elected, in spite of which he is now advocating the sale of this land. That is all I have to say. You don't have to have a lot of imagination to see that if this land is sold and taken away from the unfortunate little children they will be compelled to cross Commonwealth avenue, a thoroughfare which men or women have to sometimes wait for five minutes before they can cross, in order to get to another playground. Of course, I don't need to go far for a reason—because a certain member of the Mayor's family happens to be a real estate dabbler, and he is very much interested in this piece of property. I make this specific charge now, that the Mayor, unless he was interested, would not dare to put into this Council, after we rejected it, an order to sell a playground owned by the City of Boston. We all know that there are few enough playgrounds in the City of Boston, and we know that when the Mayor of the City of Boston went before the voters of the city in three campaigns he advocated playgrounds for the children. But now, not once but twice, he advocates the passage of this order. I cannot even vote for the upset price suggestion by the gentleman from Ward 8. I cannot see myself voting to sell a piece of land that is used as a playground by the children of the City of Boston. I maintain that we should keep it as a playground. Each and every member of the Council knows that there are few enough pieces of land in our different

districts, in the various parts of Boston, for playground purposes. Regardless of the Council amending the order so that there should be an upset price of \$200,000, I cannot possibly vote for it, and I hope that no member of the Council will see his way clear to vote for this order, depriving the children of an opportunity to play in safety.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, in order that the record may be clear, believing, as I do, that this is no place for personalities on this particular order, I was very careful not to criticize the chairman of the committee or any officials of the City of Boston in connection with the matter. But I don't think the criticism of the chairman of the committee is a fair one, as to my absence or the absence of other members from the committee meeting of which the notice was only anywhere from sixty minutes to two hours. I have not criticized the shortness of the notice on the ground that it was unjustifiable. I tried to explain that a holiday intervened. But I do not think it is fair to criticize the absence of any member of the committee under the circumstances. I don't know about the other absent members, but I know that I did not receive notice until anywhere from sixty minutes to two hours before the time for which the meeting was called, and other engagements prevented my attending. It may be that others received a prior notice. I always very much regret the laxness of members in the matter of presence at committee meetings. I think the chairman of the committee showed good judgment under the circumstances in going on with the hearing, both he and the gentleman from Brighton showed good judgment, in view of the attorneys and various people who were present to give their story, in proceeding, not having the matter postponed to another day. But I don't think the committee was justified in rushing in here with a measure that the majority of the committee don't know much about, except that they may have read the brief or letter filed with the committee by one of the attorneys, touching upon the legality of the sale of this particular land. I do not think, further, that merely because someone is going to bring a lawsuit if this does pass, the body should put itself on record as passing the measure, regarding it as an empty gesture, simply because they think it is going to be settled in a lawsuit. As a member of the body, I don't feel that I or that any of us are justified in passing an order simply because it is possibly going to be defeated in the courts. I don't understand, either, that this is an administration measure, one way or the other. I have heard rumors that there are those who would be interested in seeing the order defeated today. I do not propose personally to vote to either pass or defeat it today, if I can help it, simply to take anybody's irons out of the fire. It seems to me we should send it back to the committee, where it belongs, under the circumstances. They can consider the opinions that have been submitted and the evidence, both the views of the Corporation Counsel and the other attorneys, as well as the statements that have been submitted, and can then bring in a report one way or the other. But I personally do not see any reason why this should be rushed through today. That is the reason why I want to have it sent back to the committee.

Coun. HEIN—Mr. President, I have no controversy with the gentleman from Dorchester, but the hearing took place on November 12, and it has been a long time between the day of the hearing and the report back "Ought not to pass." I see no reason why we should not vote upon the matter today.

The order was declared recommitted to the Committee on Public Lands. Coun. HEIN doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

Recommittal prevailed, upon roll call, yeas 15, nays 5:

Yeas—Coun. Curtis, Donovan, Englert, Fish, Fitzgerald, Gallagher, Gleason, Green, Lynch, Mahoney, McGrath, Murray, Power, Ruby, Wilson—15.

Nays—Coun. Arnold, Dowd, Hein, Kelly, Norton—5.

UNDERGROUNDING OF WIRES, WARD 10.

Coun. POWER offered the following:

Ordered, That the Fire Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to include Fenwood road, St. Alphonsus and Alleghany streets, Ward 10, in the list of streets on which the wires are to be placed underground during the coming year.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION, WARD 20.

Coun. MURRAY, for Coun. Cox, offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Dent street, from Ivory street to La Grange street, both sides, Ward 20, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Ivory street, both sides, from Dent street to Temple street, Ward 20, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

President LYNCH called up, under unfinished business, No. 1 on the calendar, viz.:

1. Action on appointment submitted by the Mayor November 24, 1930, of James C. Regan, to be a Weigher of Goods.

Coun. WILSON also called up the following appointments as constables, under unfinished business—Jacob P. Grossman, under No. 10, Edward Baum under No. 11, William H. Powderly, under No. 13, and Harry Galer, Charles A. Flanagan and Abner Goulston, under No. 14.

The question came on confirmation. Committee, Coun. Fish and Dowd. Whole number of ballots 14; yeas 14, and the appointments were severally confirmed.

THE NEXT MEETING.

On motion of Coun. KELLY it was voted that when the Council adjourn it be to meet on Monday, December 15, at 2 p. m.

Adjourned, on motion of Coun. KELLY, at 4.16 p. m., to meet on Monday, December 15, 1930, at 2 p. m.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, December 15, 1930.

Regular meeting of the City Council in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President LYNCH in the chair and all the members present.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted appointments for the term ending April 30, 1931, viz.:

Constables: Charles M. Daley, 17 Welles street, Roslindale; Eli Weinberb, 339 Seaver street, Roxbury; Joseph Simansky, 61 Wales street, Dorchester; Walter J. Connelly, 455 Quincy street, Dorchester; Maurice W. Sherman, 14 Fabyan street, Dorchester; Clarence H. Golor, 36 East Lenox street, Roxbury.

Weigher of Coal: Harold R. Smith, 14 Lockwood street, Hyde Park.

Severally laid over a week under the law.

BLEACHERS ON SULLIVAN SQUARE PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, December 8, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, with reference to your request for additional bleachers on the Sullivan Square Playground. This is in reply to your order of November 24, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Park Department, November 29, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I am in receipt of an order from the City Council that the Park Commission be requested to include in its budget for the coming year a sum sufficient to provide for the construction of additional bleachers on the Sullivan Square Playground.

On account of the 17th of June activities on this area it has been deemed inadvisable to add to the present seating conditions. The department has had to remove, at various times, certain of the seats.

If arrangements can be made to have this playground utilized to a larger extent, and the 17th of June activities curbed, I will be pleased to extend the seating arrangements.

Respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

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SHOES FOR NEEDY SCHOOL CHILDREN.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, December 8, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from the School Committee with reference to your request to provide for shoes for needy children in the elementary schools. This is in reply to your order of October 27, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

The School Committee of the
City of Boston, November 21, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—Under date of October 29 you forwarded to the chairman of the School Committee

the following order, adopted by the City Council on October 27, 1930:

Ordered, That the Boston School Committee be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to appropriate the sum of fifty thousand dollars, to be expended under the direction of said committee for shoes for needy children in the elementary schools.

Upon receipt of the order, the School Committee asked the Corporation Counsel for an opinion as to the authority of the School Committee to appropriate money for the purpose indicated in the order of the City Council.

The Corporation Counsel, under date of November 5, advised that the School Committee of the City of Boston has no right to expend public moneys for the purpose of providing shoes for needy children in the schools. A copy of the Corporation Counsel's communication is inclosed.

At a meeting of the School Committee, held on Monday evening of this week, November 17, a copy of the Corporation Counsel's communication was ordered sent to your Honor for transmission to the City Council.

Very truly yours,
ELLEN M. CRONIN, Secretary.

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GRANOLITHIC SIDEWALK, COLUMBIA ROAD.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, December 8, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, chairman of Park Commission, with reference to your request for granolithic sidewalk on Columbia road. This is in reply to your order of November 24, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Park Department, December 1, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I am in receipt of an order from the City Council that the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide for the construction of a granolithic sidewalk on Columbia road from Edward Everett square to Dudley street.

The present sidewalk is partly granolithic and partly brick. A portion of the bricked areas have settled to some extent and it will be possible for the department to either repair same or put in granolithic in the advent of the spring season. I feel it would be inadvisable to attempt to lay granolithic at the present season of the year.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

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NAMING OF MEDFORD STREET PARK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, December 8, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, with reference to your request to name the park on Medford street in memory of John Philip Hickey. This is in reply to your order of December 1, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Park Department, December 4, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I am in receipt of an order from the City Council requesting the Park Commissioners to name the small park on Medford street, Charlestown, opposite Charlestown Heights, John Philip Hickey Park in memory of said Hickey, a late veteran of the World War.

The rule of the department has been to investigate all requests of this kind. I will be pleased to forward the result of this investigation to your honor.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

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AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC SIGNAL, EGLESTON SQUARE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 8, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Hon. Joseph A. Conry, Traffic Commissioner, regarding your request to establish an automatic traffic signal at Egleston square. This is in reply to your order of November 24, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, December 5, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—Acknowledging receipt of the order adopted in the City Council November 24, 1930, with reference to the installation of automatic signal lights at Egleston square, Ward 11, it is respectfully reported:

It is considered desirable to include this intersection as one deserving traffic signal lights. Upon the completion of the work which is now in hand in the matter of installing such signal lights it is to be hoped that work will be authorized at this point.

In the forthcoming annual report reference will be made as to the desirability of appropriating a sum of money for establishing lights at various intersections throughout the city.

Yours very truly,
JOSEPH A. CONRY, Commissioner.
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FLASHING BEACON, WARD 1.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 8, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Hon. Joseph A. Conry, Traffic Commissioner, regarding your request to install a flashing beacon at the junction of Marion, White and Meridian streets. This is in reply to your order of December 1, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, December 5, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of the copy of the order adopted by the City Council on December 1, asking that a flashing beacon be installed at the junction of Marion, White and Meridian streets, in Ward 1.

I have the honor to report that an investigation disclosed this corner to be in need of such a beacon and it is now being placed in position.

Yours very truly,
JOSEPH A. CONRY, Commissioner.
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ALTERNATING PARKING ON MAIN HIGHWAYS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 6, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Hon. Joseph A. Conry, Traffic Commissioner, regarding your request of alternative parking in the business section and main highways. This is in reply to your order of November 17, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, December 5, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—Acknowledging receipt of the order adopted in the City Council November 17, with respect to the matter "of prompt adoption of alternate parking along the main highways entering into the business district of Boston," it is respectfully submitted:

This commission is constantly engaged in studies regarding the matter of alternate parking in our main highways with a view to the adoption of rules for this purpose when conditions warrant such action.

Yours very truly,
JOSEPH A. CONRY, Commissioner.
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SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR RELIEF FUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 5, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—In reply to the order of your honorable body dated November 17, reading as follows:

"Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to appoint a committee of business, industrial and labor leaders of the City of Boston to consider the advisability of raising by popular subscription the sum of two million dollars, said sum to be applied to the relief of the present acute and unprecedented unemployment situation, and to be placed at the disposal of said committee, which shall be held strictly accountable to his Honor the Mayor for its proper disbursement."

The public is fully aware of the serious character of the present industrial depression and the best evidence of that fact is attested by the voluntary tender of a portion of the receipts of various industrial enterprises during the past fifteen days. Including the sum of \$215.78 tendered by the Tercentenary Ball Committee, the total amount up to date is but \$770.02. Consequently, the futility of appointing a committee for the purpose of raising a fund such as has been set forth in this sum of two million dollars must be apparent.

The City of Boston is meeting its obligations in a sane manner by levying the costs of providing for the needy upon all the taxpayers of the city, rather than depending upon the questionable generosity of the philanthropic element of the community. By adhering to the policy which has been inaugurated and in force during the present year we are making it possible for the money appropriated to be utilized for unemployment rather than the payment of morticians' obligations.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.
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HOSPITAL BILLS OF POLICE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 3, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I beg to forward herewith report received from the Police Commissioner, the same constituting a reply to order adopted by your honorable body under date of November 17, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Police Department, November 20, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor,—I am in receipt of an order passed by the City Council under date of November 17, 1930, requesting that the Police Commissioner, through his Honor the Mayor, inform the City Council whether or not it is the practice of the Police Department to pay hospital bills incurred by patrolmen injured in the performance of a police duty while not on their ordinary tour of duty.

In reply I would call your attention to Rule 37, Section 4, of the Police Rules and Regulations, which reads as follows:

"When an officer is absent from duty on account of sickness, injury or disability which his Commanding officer certifies was incurred in the performance of duty involving risks, exertion or exposure not ordinarily attendant upon the performance of routine duty, and the existence of such sickness, injury or disability is certified to by a physician or surgeon approved by the Commissioner, full pay for lost time may be allowed by the Commissioner. When patrolmen or officers of rank of the department are injured in the performance of their duty to the extent that medical or surgical treatment is necessary, they shall go or be taken to such hospitals as are approved or designated by the Commissioner."

All bills so contracted are approved by the commissioner and are then paid by the city.

Rule 35 of the Police Rules and Regulations reads as follows:

"The hours of regular service shall be from time to time specified by Commanding Officers, under the direction of the Superintendent, but, when occasion requires, officers are liable to be called into service at any time; and the same responsibility as to the detection and prevention of crime and the preservation of order rests upon them when not in uniform, or off duty, as when on duty in uniform."

This rule means that all officers of the department are subject to call twenty-four hours a day in order to properly protect the citizens of Boston, and if they are injured at any time while performing police duties, Rule 37 quoted above would apply.

Very truly yours,

E. C. HULTMAN,
Police Commissioner.

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FEDERAL INVESTIGATION OF COAL PRICES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, December 6, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—Replying to the order of your honorable body adopted under date of December 1, 1930, which reads as follows:

"Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to recommend to the President of the United States that a federal investigation be had of the present coal situation, with a view to lowering the price to the consumer."

I beg to state that my chief concern early in the present year concerned the possibility of a coal strike, the customary subterfuge for increasing the cost of coal to the consumer.

With a view to preventing such an occurrence I conferred with the Secretary of Labor, the Honorable James J. Davis, and was assured by him that an agreement had been entered into between the coal operators and coal miners, under which labor disputes would be the subject of arbitration without strike during the next five and one half years.

With reference to the matter of a federal investigation with a view to lowering the price to the consumer, this is only possible through Congressional action, and it would be, in my opinion, advisable for the member of the Council introducing the order to communicate directly with the Senatorial or Congressional Representatives from the Commonwealth, who I am quite sure would at least accord him the courtesy of a reply.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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CONSTRUCTION OF NEW PRINTING PLANT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, December 6, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—In reply to the order adopted by your honorable body on November 24, 1930, which reads as follows:

"Ordered, That the Superintendent of Printing be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to

advise the Boston City Council when it is expected to begin construction of the new printing plant, for which the City Council has voted an appropriation of three hundred thousand dollars."

I beg to state that the delay in the construction of the printing plant for the City of Boston has been due to the desire to secure a site at the lowest possible cost.

I have been working in conjunction with the Transit Commission and the Superintendent of Printing with a view to acquiring certain of the property condemned by the Transit Department for tunnel purposes with a two-fold purpose in mind, first, the securing of a site for the printing plant at a minimum cost, and, second, the erection of an attractive municipal building in a section of the city that gives promise of remaining dormant for a considerable period of time. Unless some such constructive work is inaugurated, the indications are that the site will be available within thirty days, and that there may be no delay a tentative assignment of architects has been made so that plans can be drawn, bids called for, and the contract awarded in the shortest possible time.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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ADDITIONAL TEMPORARY INVESTIGATORS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, December 6, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—Replying to the order of your honorable body adopted November 17, 1930, reading as follows:

"Ordered, That the Soldiers' Relief Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to provide additional temporary investigators for that department during the present unemployment crisis,"

I beg to state, in view of a recent examination conducted under the supervision of the Soldiers' Relief Department, additional investigators will not be required in that department.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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INFORMATION IN RE LAUNDRY PORTER.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, December 6, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—In reply to the order of your honorable body of November 17, 1930, I beg to state that under existing law any citizen has a right to make a request which you desire to have the Governor and myself make for you.

I do not consider it compatible with the dignity of my own office or that of the Governor to comply therewith. Consequently the order is returned.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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NONRESIDENT SECRETARY.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, December 6, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—In reply to the order adopted by your honorable body on November 24, 1930, which reads as follows:

"Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor request his Excellency the Governor to direct the Police Commissioner to immediately discharge the nonresident whom he has employed as secretary,"

I beg to state that there is no law that requires the secretary of the Police Commissioner or even the members of the Police Department to be residents of the City of Boston. Consequently, it would be futile for me to press this request, that, lacking a force of law, might make me the subject of ridicule.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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APPROPRIATION FOR UNEMPLOYMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 6, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—Referring to your order of November 17, 1930, reading as follows:

"Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to include in the budget for 1931 the sum of one million dollars to be used for the relief of unemployment, said sum to be in addition to the amounts provided for the Overseers of the Public Welfare and the Soldiers' Relief Department."

I will state that at the meeting of the City Council on November 10, 1930, a reply to an identical order was received by your honorable body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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INFORMATION AS TO \$30,000,000
PROJECTS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 15, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of the order of the City Council under date of November 17, 1930, reading as follows:

"Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to advise the Boston City Council in detail concerning the thirty million dollar projects which he stated in his recent veto message would be in operation before the new budget would become operative."

In reply I will say that I intend to bring to the attention of the Council from time to time, as the necessity arises, the various propositions which involve expenditures by the city.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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PUBLICITY FROM UNEMPLOYMENT
SITUATION.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 15, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—Replying to the order adopted by your honorable body on November 17, 1930, which reads as follows:

"Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to inform the Boston City Council what particular orders it has passed relating to the unemployment situation that were a deliberate attempt to capitalize these conditions or to promote publicity for themselves."

I beg to state that I made no such charge against the City Council as a body. The statement, which was an expression of my opinion, was that the political capitalization of the unemployment situation by publicity seekers in the City Council and elsewhere had resulted in increased demands on the Public Welfare Department. Whether such a characterization fits any member of the City Council or not can safely be left to the judgment of his fellow members.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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CONDITIONS AT NORTH END BEACH.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 4, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—The Park Department have submitted certain data with reference to bathing and laundry facilities in the women's section of the North End Beach, which I herewith submit. The demand for improved conditions has been before the Park Commission for a period of five years. The present appears to be as excellent time provide the needed improvement. Accordingly, I recommend the adoption of the accompanying order by your honorable body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, October 28, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor,—The conditions at the women's bathhouse and auxiliary laundry at the North End Beach are unsafe. With the permission of the Building Department, I had temporary repairs made on them to carry us through the summer months. I feel sure that the Building Department would condemn these buildings if they were the property of individuals. They are old, unsanitary and unsafe buildings, entirely out of date. The laundry has heavy machinery stored on the second floor and the building is of unsafe construction for such use. They are fire traps in the heart of a thickly congested business section. I feel that we should order all these buildings demolished and replacement should be made with new modern fireproof buildings.

In order to do this the work would have to be started almost immediately so that I may have them ready in June of 1931.

An appropriation would have to be made and architect's services engaged and the work advertised as soon as possible. I estimate the cost of this work would be \$125,000.

Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

Ordered, That the sum of \$125,000 be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners, for bath house and laundry building and equipment, etc., North End Park, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Referred to Executive Committee.

PURCHASE OF FALLON ESTATE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 8, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—The Park Commission have submitted to me correspondence with reference to the purchase of the Fallon estate at Roslindale. The estate adjoins the Fallon Field, named in honor of the son of the owner, William J. Fallon, who was killed in the World War.

For sentimental reasons he is willing to part with the estate, consisting of 159,950 square feet of land with buildings thereon, for the sum of \$65,000.

The area of the present playground is approximately 140,000 square feet. The purchase of this additional land would result in a doubling of the area for playground purposes in this rapidly growing section of Boston.

It is becoming increasingly difficult to find areas of sufficient size for playground purposes or to acquire land for the enlargement of existing playgrounds without being obliged to undergo exorbitant costs.

Under the circumstances, it would in my opinion be the part of wisdom to purchase this estate and I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying order which provides, in conformity with law, sufficient money for the taking of necessary land and in addition sufficient funds for the development of the same.

In connection with this development the probability is that opportunity for work will be provided for at least fifty men for a period of three months or more.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the sum of \$90,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated to be expended by the Board of Park Commissioners for Fallon Field Playground, additional land and construction, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Referred to Executive Committee.

INCOME OF GEORGE F. PARKMAN FUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 10, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I beg to submit herewith recommendation of the Park Commission setting forth the disposition that in their opinion should be made of the income of the George F. Parkman Fund for the remainder of the year 1930, and respectfully recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Park Department, December 9, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—You are respectfully asked to make a request on the City Council for the transfer from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund of the sum of \$68,720.14, the final balance now available for the year 1930, same to be used for the following purpose:

Franklin Park Improvements:
Additional buildings needed in the
Zoological Garden, extension of
Animal Houses, etc. \$68,720 14
Very respectfully yours,
WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

Ordered, That the sum of \$68,720.14 be, and hereby is, appropriated, from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commissioners, for the maintenance and improvement of the Common and parks in existence on January 12, 1887, as follows:

Franklin Park, improvements. \$68,720 14
Referred to Committee on Parkman Fund.

ORDINANCE CONCERNING TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 15, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I transmit for your consideration a communication from the City Treasurer and a proposed ordinance authorizing the signing of checks by the cashier and assistant cashiers in his department.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Treasury Department, December 11, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor,—Chapter 4 of the Ordinances of 1926 permits the assistant cashier to sign checks for the Schoolhouse Department pay roll. Other than this one ordinance there is no authority for any officer of the Treasury Department to sign any instruments or checks except that conferred upon the acting city treasurer designated by the treasurer in his absence.

The increasing amount of business done by check and modern business methods should permit the treasurer to designate the cashier and the assistant cashiers to countersign checks and particular instruments upon which the treasurer's signature appears printed.

The enactment of the ordinance submitted herewith will permit of this practice, which is in use by the Federal and State Governments and all large business corporations.

Respectfully yours,
EDMUND L. DOLAN, Treasurer.

An Ordinance Concerning the Treasury Department.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Boston, as follows:

Chapter 4 of the Ordinances of 1926 is hereby amended by striking out said chapter and inserting in place thereof the following:

The treasurer may appoint a cashier and assistant cashiers who may, in addition to such other duties as the treasurer may require them to perform, sign in the name and behalf of the treasurer,

if countersigned by said cashier or assistant cashiers, all checks which may be required for the payment of pay rolls, drafts and other purposes as the treasurer may direct.

Referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

RESIGNATION OF JOSEPH M. WEINBURG.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 15, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—You are hereby notified that I have accepted the resignation of Joseph M. Weinberg as constable effective December 12, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

John J. Bailey, for compensation for damage to property at 756 Huntington avenue, caused by breaking of water main.

Peter E. Baril, for compensation for damage to property at 39 Vaughan avenue, caused by clogging up of sewer.

The Berkeley Laundry, for refund on refuse tickets.

Mary K. Blessington, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in South and Summer streets.

Edgar R. Bowers, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 516 Atlantic avenue.

Claude W. Bromley, for compensation for damage to truck caused by an alleged defect in Northern Avenue Bridge.

Catherine A. Cadogan, for compensation for damage to property at 114 Winthrop street, caused by overflow of sewage.

John H. Chambers, for compensation for damage to clothing caused by an alleged defect in Ralston street.

Louis O. Cohen, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Gaston street.

Charles Consola, for compensation for injuries received on ferry.

Mary Consola, for compensation for injuries received on ferryboat.

Grace Costello, for compensation for damage to truck by city employees.

Angelo D'Italia, for compensation for injuries on ferryboat.

Dudley Street Garage, Inc., for compensation for damage to property at 350 Dudley street, caused by city truck.

Ida J. Farnum, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 827 Boylston street.

John F. Ferrick, for compensation for damage to clothing caused by an alleged defect in Leverett and Cambridge streets.

Henry Forsyth, for compensation for damage to car by city team.

Sarah L. Goodhue, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Hamilton place and Tremont street.

Anthony Guerriero, for compensation for damage to car by city cart.

Theresa K. Hailer, for compensation for damage to property at 38 Granfield avenue, caused by overflowing of Stony brook.

Catherine Hart, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 72 Fayette street.

William Hatch, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

John Haviland, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Forsyth street.

Mrs. Anna B. Hawkins, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Answorth street.

A. R. Hitchcock, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Firth road, Roslindale.

Frederick W. Holbrow, for compensation for damage to property at 303 Harvard street, caused by water from street.

Adele Howard, for compensation for damage to clothing caused by an alleged defect in Norway and Falmouth streets.

Anna E. Kates, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 167 Bay State road.

Elizabeth V. Kelly, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 377 Walnut avenue.

Gertrude R. Krim, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 29 Rosecliff street.

Anthony Lazarro, for compensation for injuries received on ferry.

Theresa Lazarro, for compensation for injuries received on ferry.

Alvaro S. Medina, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

Philomena Melitok for compensation for injuries on ferryboat.

Luigi Menici, for compensation for injuries on ferryboat.

Josephine Misiano, for compensation for injuries on ferryboat.

Mary Misiano, for compensation for injuries on ferryboat.

Modern Cleansers and Dyers, Inc., to be reimbursed for cleansing of articles at English High School.

Hubert W. Mullin, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 23 Pinckney street.

Matilda O'Hara, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 148 West Canton street.

Floyd N. Olsen, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at Stuart and Eliot streets.

Doris Redaelli, for refund on refuse tickets.

Concette and Frank Romano, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in Hanover street.

Shawmut Garage, Inc., for compensation for damage to property at 829 Shawmut avenue, caused by water from street.

Shawmut Sign Company, for refund on building permit.

South End Hardware Company, for compensation for damage to property at 1095 Washington street, caused by water from street.

Mary Sullivan, for compensation for injuries caused by being struck by police motorcycle.

Mrs. J. Walsh, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 222 Boylston street.

Samuel Wasserman, for refund on permit for sidewalk pump.

E. Sohler Welch Estate, for refund on refuse tickets.

Rebecca Wilson, for compensation for damage to property at 69 West Lenox street, by fire apparatus.

Ellen M. Delaney, for compensation for damage to property at 137 Hamilton street, caused by blasting for new sewer.

Executive Committee.

Petition of children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement, viz.:
Anne Marie Casey, at South Boston Municipal Building, December 18.

Petition of Ellen C. Bartlett for an annuity on account of death of her husband, a member of the Police Department, who died from injuries received in the performance of his duty on December 10, 1930.

LICENSE TO TRANSIENT VENDOR.

Application for transient vendor's license was received from Max Tubis, 151 Summer street, Boston, with notice of bond by Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance Company.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT OF PROBATION OFFICERS.

Notice was received from Albert F. Hayden, Justice of Municipal Court of Roxbury, of appointment of William H. Murray and Thomas M. Gemelli as probation officers of his court, at annual salary of \$2,800, to take effect January 1, 1931.

Referred to the Committee on County Accounts.

CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The constables' bonds of Abner Goulston, Harry Galer, Joseph I. Cotter and William H. Powderly, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, were received and approved.

APPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH W. MONAHAN.

Notice was received of appointment by the Health Commissioner of Joseph W. Monahan, of 39 Sedgwick street, Jamaica Plain, to position of Deputy Commissioner in charge of Vital Statistics in Health Department.

Placed on file.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS PAY ROLL.

The pay roll of the Registry of Deeds to the amount of \$4,783.86 for regular employees from December 1 to 15, inclusive, was received and approved.

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Coun. MAHONEY, for the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, submitted report recommending passage of order for the payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the City of Boston for the month of December.

Report accepted; said order passed.

ANNUITY TO WIDOW OF FRANK J. COMEAU.

Coun. FISH offered the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston hereby approves the enactment of legislation for the payment of an annuity to the widow of Frank J. Comeau.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PROPERTY ALONG ELEVATED RAILWAY STRUCTURE.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to ask the Governor of the Commonwealth to appoint a commission to study the depreciation of property along the line of the elevated railway structure from the Everett line to Forest Hills, with a view to arriving at a fair estimate of the property loss due to said structure.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

AUTOMATIC TRAFFIC SIGNALS, SULLIVAN SQUARE.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install automatic traffic signals at Sullivan square.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REBUILDING OF CONGESTED SECTIONS.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on Legislative Matters of the Boston City Council be, and the said Committee hereby is, authorized and directed to file a bill with the incoming Legislature which will create a housing authority with power to rebuild and modernize the congested sections of Boston.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

BORROWING OUTSIDE DEBT LIMIT.

Coun. RUBY, for Coun. Arnold, submitted the following:

Resolved, That the City Council of Boston hereby approves the enactment of legislation to authorize said city to borrow money outside the debt limit for emergency purposes.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

ESCALATOR SERVICE, FOREST HILLS TERMINAL.

Coun. ENGLERT, MURRAY, COX, NOR-
TON offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council go on

record as opposed to the action of the Boston Elevated Railway Trustees in discontinuing the escalator service at the Forest Hills terminal.

Coun. ENGLERT—Mr. President, in introducing this order I might say that a week or so ago we read in the Boston newspapers about the Boston Elevated trying to remove the escalator located at Forest Hills. I have received many petitions and complaints, remonstrances against that proposed action, from improvement associations and others in my district, which wish to go on record as being against the removal of that escalator. The removal of the escalator would greatly handicap especially the older and infirm people who would have to walk up fifty or sixty steps to reach the higher level. I understand that \$98,000 has been expended since 1916 on repairs on the escalator, or a sum of perhaps \$7,000 a year. Instead of making repairs on the escalator, I think the Elevated officials should put in a new escalator, so that they will not have to spend as much as they claim that they have been spending upon it. I will simply say that there is going to be a hearing tomorrow at the State House before the Department of Public Utilities upon this matter at which hearing I expect a number of the residents of my district, together with those represented by Councilors Cox, Norton and Murray, to appear and protest against the removal of the escalator at Forest Hills.

Coun. MURRAY—Mr. President, the Elevated is starting in again on this idea of removing escalators from its system. They began in Charlestown, by taking out the escalator there. True, that did not affect the district referred to in connection with the proposed removal of the escalator from the Forest Hills Station, districts represented by several of the councilors in this body, but it did affect the people of Everett, Somerville, Malden and Melrose, the section out that way. They are now proposing to remove the escalator at Forest Hills, to the injury of the car riders. This is a matter which affects many people in our district, people coming and going to work at different factories and places of business, particularly affecting older and more or less infirm people. I believe it is just one more illustration of the wedge they are trying to drive, endeavoring to curtail the rights of the car riders of the City of Boston. If they are successful at Forest Hills, as they have been at Sullivan square, it means the carrying out of a similar program throughout the City of Boston. The people in my district are up in arms about the matter, and some of them will be at the hearing tomorrow voicing disapproval of the proposed removal of the escalator at Forest Hills.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION.

Coun. ENGLERT offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Atherton street, northeast side, from Amory street to Lamartine street, Ward 11, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF LEE HILL ROAD.

Coun. MURRAY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to accept and lay out as a public highway Lee Hill road, Ward 19.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PAYMENT OF CITY EMPLOYEES.

Coun. RUBY offered the following:

Ordered, That the City Auditor be authorized to allow for payment and the City Treasurer to pay the weekly pay rolls of employees on December 24, in anticipation of Christmas.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

IMMEDIATE USE OF BUILDING, DEER ISLAND.

Coun. RUBY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Penal Institutions Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to arrange for the immediate use and occupancy of the new residence building recently constructed at Deer Island.

Coun. RUBY—Mr. President, when the Committee on Inspection of Prisons last week visited Deer Island, we found that the new building there had been constructed and has been ready for occupancy since last September, but that for some reason unknown to your committee, because of some difference between the architects and the contractor, the building, while all ready for use, has for some reason not been opened. In view of the fact that the building has been constructed for use of the chaplain, the doctor and one or two officials at Deer Island, and having in mind the inadequacy of their present quarters, I ask for a suspension of the rule and the passage of the order.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL, GROVE HALL.

Coun. RUBY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston School Committee be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to proceed with the immediate erection of the Girls' High School in the Grove Hall section of Boston.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

DONATION BY CITY EMPLOYEES.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to request officially of each official and employee of the City of Boston a donation of one per cent each month for a period of three months commencing January, 1931, out of each dollar received from the city, such donations to be used as a contribution to an unemployment fund and administered by the Mayor's Special Committee on Unemployment with the advice and assistance of the Overseers of the Public Welfare.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, that order is in part a duplication of an order originally introduced by Councilor Dowd, perhaps a month ago, which was vetoed. While I do not always agree with everything that the councilor from Roxbury says, any more than he probably agrees with me in much that I say, I do feel, as the result of further study, that the order introduced by him was a proper one and one that should have become effective. The veto of Councilor Dowd's order, the original proposal, was based on the idea that any such request of the employees of the City of Boston would in effect be double taxation. But, while I agree with the Mayor on a great many occasions, I have many friends among the employees of the city, and I question much whether the average city employee pays a very large real estate tax and whether he would suffer from double taxation by voluntarily contributing in this way in a very small degree in order to help relieve the present unemployment situation. The works which are proposed by the City of Boston during the coming months are a credit to the city, and particularly to the present executive of the city, and there is no question that we are about to engage in far greater construction work than the city has endeavored to put through in perhaps the last ten or twenty years. I am fully aware of the great advantage that will be derived from the pushing through of the Boylston Street Subway, from the proposed double-decked artery,—the financing of which is still rather hazy,—from the two new police stations, the printing plant, and the East Boston Tunnel. All those are excellent projects, but unfortunately do not put coal in the cellar in the winter of 1930. I make no criticism of any city department nor of the chief executive when I say that, because plans must be made and vast works like these, involving engineering problems, bids and that sort of thing, take time. I cannot fail to take into account the remarks made in this room by the chief executive when we were asked to pass the East Boston Tunnel proposition, and I know how they were greeted by the unemployed in the

balcony of this room. But, regardless of the ultimate importance of that work, and the fact that it will furnish labor to unemployed, it is going to take time for it to get started, and work has not been started on the East Boston Tunnel yet. So, while these projects will eventually put men to work, they do not buy milk or bread this week or next. It seems to me if we are to expect any material return from the appeal made—and I think a proper appeal—to the private concerns of the city to step in and give some assistance in this matter, the City of Boston itself should set a good example, and this order I have introduced suggests this voluntary contribution by the various employees of the city and by the various officials of the City of Boston, including the men in this room, who I know would be very glad to set the example even to the small extent suggested. I do not have in mind so much the amount involved as the fact that it will be a sign of good faith on our part to the private concerns, who should in turn come through. Having made a visit to New York this last week, I was interested to read in the New York papers a list of different groups, concerns and individuals, who have contributed already half a million dollars to help relieve present conditions in that city, in which we now see on every corner men not selling apples but standing beside apples which they are trying to sell. I was pleased to learn that among the various concerns who have kicked in, so to speak, there are a number which have branches in this city, as well as others. I have before me a long list, from which I will simply quote a few names. As I say, many of these concerns in this list are represented in Boston: The Du Pont Rayon Company, American Lithographic Company, Hotel Commodore, Hotel Biltmore, Ritz-Carleton Hotel, Pacific Mills, Prince George Hotel, United States Guaranty Company, Crowell Publishing Company, Maryland Casualty Company, Royal Typewriter Company, Murray Hill Hotel, Community Water Service Company, Hotel Manger, Robert Fulton Hotel, Times Square Hotel, Dennison Manufacturing Company, Hotel Plaza, Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, Lumber Mutual Casualty Insurance, New Yorker Hotel, Hotel Somerset, West Side Savings Bank, the "Literary Digest," the First National-Old Colony Corporation, General Railway Signals Company, Barber Steamship Lines, New York Athletic Club, and very many others. It seems to me if we are to get any generous response to the condition which I believe exists in Boston, as well as in the other large cities of the country, we should set an example among the officials and other employees of the City of Boston. I see no particularly valid reason why the members of the Police Department should lead the way and others should not follow. I understand that something like \$2,000 has been raised from the members of the Police Department of the City of Boston, being contributed for this purpose. So I urge at the present time a suspension of the rule and the passage of this particular order, because I feel that this is a matter that requires immediate attention. I say at this time that I appreciate the generosity of certain employees of the City of Boston. It has been very gratifying to me this afternoon, and I know it must have been to other members of the City Council, to see how few of the employees of the city, as compared with other years, have been pressing for an increase in wages. I think in taking that position at this time they are adopting a very proper attitude, with hundreds and thousands of men in the streets who would be only too glad to get under cover in almost any position that might offer. While I have called particular attention to the Police Department, I also have in mind what I understand to be the attitude of the Fire Department along a similar line. I certainly feel that this particular order should be passed and signed.

Coun. DOWD—Mr. President, after waging a lone battle in the Council for two months, it is very gratifying to find that other members of the Council are beginning to be aware of the fact that there is an unemployment crisis in Boston, thereby disagreeing with his Honor the Mayor, who says that there is no emergency existing at the present time. I quite agree with Councilor Wilson in his remarks about the huge projects that are about to take place in Boston; but each and every member of the Council knows that it will be at least a year, and perhaps two years, before legislation can be

enacted which will put these projects into operation. In the meantime, are the people of Boston going to suffer the way they are at the present time? If there is no present emergency in Boston I want to know why so many families have been added to the daily list at the Chardon and Hawkins street woodyards in the last seven days? If it is not an emergency, I would like to know what to call it. In regard to the message of the Mayor upon the unemployment measures sent to him, and which he sent back to us, let me remind members of the Council that two-thirds of the orders which were vetoed by the Mayor are now being enacted into law. He vetoed my order calling for a committee on unemployment, and that committee has now been appointed. He vetoed my order to discontinue grocery orders, and I am happy to say that last week the poor unfortunates were getting cash, and that only in emergency cases are grocery orders given. So, so far as the veto messages of the Mayor are concerned, I simply repeat that two-thirds of the orders passed by the Council dealing with the unemployment situation, and vetoed by the Mayor, are now in operation. I agree with Councilor Wilson that the only way to relieve the situation is by the raising of \$2,000,000 or \$3,000,000, the same as the people of New York, Chicago and other places have done.

Coun. GREEN—Mr. President, I would like to ask the councilor from Roxbury a question, if he will answer it.

Coun. DOWD—I shall be delighted, Mr. President.

Coun. GREEN—Mr. President, I would like to ask if it is not true that every member of the Council voted on every order that he introduced into the Council dealing with the unemployment situation.

Coun. DOWD—They did vote, Mr. President, but didn't give me any support on the floor of the Council. That is why I made the remark that I was glad that other councilors were now taking the floor on the unemployment situation.

Coun. GREEN—Mr. President, I don't think the gentleman needed any help from members of the Council, in view of the fact that the orders were passed under suspension of the rule. I think every member of the Council is doing his duty in the matter of relieving the unemployment situation. I, for one, am on the job every day, and I can say the same for the President, and so for the members all down the line. We are doing our bit, but are not waving any red flags or claiming credit for it.

Coun. DOWD—Mr. President, I believe the gentleman from Charlestown (Coun. Green) misconstrued my remarks entirely. I say this, that if one councilor on the floor of this body every Monday is talking about the unemployment situation and he is the only councilor who sends anything down to the Mayor, the Mayor is going to say that it doesn't amount to anything, that only one man in twenty-two is hollering. I am not criticizing the other councilors. Far be it from me. I know how each and every member of the Council is trying to do something for his constituents at the present time. So, if my remarks did in any way offend Councilor Green, I desire to withdraw such remarks. Far be it from me to make any unkind remarks about my colleagues. I don't think they were unkind. They were certainly not intended to be. I say to Councilor Green now that I desire to withdraw any remarks that may have been offensive to him.

Coun. GREEN—Mr. President, the councilor from Roxbury did not have to apologize. I believe we are working whole-heartedly with him on this matter, Mr. President. I therefore accept his statement.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

EMPLOYMENT OF NEEDY CITIZENS.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to call such conference between the Overseers of Public Welfare, the Public Works Commissioner, the Park Commissioner and the Municipal Employment Bureau as may permit the employment of needy and destitute unemployed citizens of Boston by the city and that payment for such workers be made out of funds in the budget of the Overseers of Public Welfare.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I introduce

that order at this time because I feel that assistance must be given during the cold winter months to the unemployed in the City of Boston, despite the excellent work in most instances being done by the Public Welfare Department. As a matter of fact, the average man who comes to me in my ward looking for assistance, wants work, and not charity. I personally can see no objection to some arrangement being worked out between these departments whereby men may have their needs dealt with without having to go into town, spend one of their few remaining dimes in going to the Public Welfare Department and Hawkins street, getting a little work sawing wood, and going in at 8 o'clock in the morning and going back as late as 4 in the afternoon. It seems to me that instead of the waste that is now involved, some of these men might be put to work in some other way. It seems to me some arrangement must be possible where by the money of the taxpayers of the City of Boston, which is being paid out to the tune of at least four million dollars to five millions dollars a year for relief, should be paid over to the men in return for services rendered, and not as mere charity. Despite what has been said, there is work to be done in the City of Boston, that might very well be done at this time. There are streets to be cleaned; there is other important work to be done. There are certainly jobs enough to take care of those who report to the Public Welfare Department two or three times a week, and get just a little work when they do so. Five out of six of those men just saw or chop a few sticks of wood. So I think a part of the money now spent by the Public Welfare Department might well be paid over for work which will help needy families, and work which should be done. There is work to be done raking up leaves, for instance, in the Park Department, work cleaning streets, other odd jobs which could be done for the benefit of the city and for the relief of unemployment. It would at least result in moving around these men who now go to the Hawkins street yard, and much work could be done which would be for the benefit of the city, as well as for the help of the unemployed.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

Coun. DONOVAN in the chair.

FOOTBALL STADIUM IN WORLD WAR MEMORIAL PARK.

Coun. DONOVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commission for the erection of a football stadium in World War Memorial Park, Ward 1, and that to meet such expense the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the City to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

INFORMATION IN RE MARTIN E. MCCARTHY.

Coun. KELLY offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to request the Governor to order the Civil Service Commissioner to file a complete report with the City Council regarding the application, record and certification of the name of one certain Martin E. McCarthy of 143 West Newton street, Boston, as a laundry porter at the Boston City Hospital, in answer to a requisition by the Mayor of Boston for two laundry porters for the Boston City Hospital on June 25, 1930.

Coun. KELLY — Mr. President, I now introduce an order similar to one which was passed unanimously in this Council on November 17, just about a month ago. Today for the first time I hear from the gentleman downstairs in a well couched reply, for which it perhaps took him the whole month to get the words together, to the effect that he does not consider it compatible with the dignity of his own office or that of the Governor to comply therewith — that is, to ask the Civil Service Commission to forward to the City Council a complete record covering certification of the employment and the conduct while employed of a certain employee of the City of

Boston. Mr. President, I think the conduct of a city employee, the manner in which he gets on the list, and whether he is the proper kind of man to work for the city, is a matter of vital importance to the twenty-two members of the City Council, and also should be a vital matter to the Mayor of the City of Boston. I might state to the Mayor that one further reason why I have introduced this order into the Council is that I made a request of the Governor in a letter under date of November 21, and to date I have had no reply, although there has been an investigation of this case. Knowing that they are guilty, knowing that they have been working in collusion with somebody in City Hall, I have not received a reply. Here is the letter which I sent to Governor Allen on November 21:

"Hon. Frank G. Allen, Governor of Massachusetts, State House, Boston, Massachusetts.

"Dear Governor Allen,—I am directing this communication to you in view of the fact that I think the facts which I state below concerning the administration of Civil Service Commissioner Elliot H. Goodwin bear out the scathing denunciation directed toward Civil Service Commissioner Goodwin by the special Legislative Committee that investigated his office and reported their findings to the last session of the Legislature.

"You will recall that this Legislative Investigation Committee headed by Senator James Moran of Mansfield and having only one member of the minority party in its entire membership, filed a report which was submitted to the last session of the Legislature which criticized, arraigned and denounced the chairman of the Civil Service Commission, Mr. Goodwin, for his arrogance and arbitrary action and further said in substance that he was not administering his great office in accordance with the standards of the Commonwealth.

"In behalf of the many thousands of people on the civil service list in this Commonwealth, particularly the City of Boston, and as a protest on behalf of the additional many thousands of decent and respectable citizens of the City of Boston and throughout the Commonwealth who are on the waiting lists looking forward eagerly and anxiously for an opportunity to earn an honest living, I cite below a case which should command your immediate attention and warrants the immediate removal of this man for the benefit of our citizens.

"On January 4, 1930, only a few months ago, one Martin E. McCarthy placed his name on the regular unclassified general labor list which at that time had approximately 1,500 veterans at the top of the list and perhaps some three or four thousand additional names. There must have been well over a thousand names ahead of him on the list, although the Civil Service Commissioner either will not or cannot give any definite information as to his position on the list at the time he registered.

"Now notwithstanding the fact that there have been names on this list for years, this man, who is married and is not living with his wife and had no children and no one depending upon him for support, was certified for employment and was put to work with the approval of the Mayor of the City of Boston, acting in agreement with the Civil Service Commissioner, on June 25, 1930, he not even being on the list for a period of six months. He went to work with the rating of laundry porter at \$23 and meals per week, although the positions which he made application for were teamster, chauffeur, laborer and rigger, and I can find no record on file with the Civil Service Commission of special qualification for laundry porter. Again less than two months afterward, on August 22, 1930, presumably with the consent of the Mayor of Boston or one of his department heads, he was given a change in rating to a ward porter and given an increase to \$24 and meals per week, although I understand there is a civil service rule which forbids this being done in a shorter period than one year.

"I also call to your attention the fact that he was discharged on July 30, 1930, and while these discharges are supposed to be looked after by the Civil Service Commissioner, he was reinstated after two days.

"Now let us consider some of the statements made in the application and some of the circumstances surrounding this man who was being given so much consideration by the Civil Service Commission and by the Mayor of the City of Boston or one of his department heads.

"This man, Martin McCarthy, stated in his application blank which was filed with the Civil Service Commission these words 'I resigned from the Boston Police Department while charges were pending. The charges were drunkenness.' That is what he stated under oath in his civil service application. I could find no further information or the Civil Service Commission could give me no further information in connection with this statement in McCarthy's application. As a matter of fact a proper investigation of this statement would have disclosed the fact that this man resigned from the Boston Police Department while charges were pending against him; first, for making a forced entrance into a lodging house; second, for leaving his gun on the premises; third, for bringing liquor into a private dwelling while on duty; fourth, for untruthfulness to his superior officers, and while a member of the Police Department this man had done punishment duty on two occasions, once for 210 hours and another time for 42 hours and only lasted as a member of the Boston Police Department for the short period of two and one half years.

"In answer to another question which asks for the number of times he was arrested, sets forth only four arrests, while as a matter of fact he was arrested ten times.

"What has the Civil Service Commissioner got to say to you about this situation?

"In answer to another question Mr. McCarthy states that he was in business for himself from 1921 to 1926 and that he resigned as a member of the Boston Police Department in 1921, while as a matter of fact this was not the truth because he did not resign from the Boston Police Department until July, 1922.

"I submit that in these trying days of so much suffering and distress with so many thousands of men with wives and children depending upon them for support, walking the streets unable to earn a dollar in an honest way, that this action in allowing a man of this type to take one of these positions, which should go to a man and his family, is just about the next thing to the commission of a crime.

"I respectfully request that you look into this matter, if your investigation discloses the facts as I have outlined them above that you will demand the immediate resignation of that man who has already been described by members of his own party, in substance, as unfit for the administration of the office which he holds; I refer to Civil Service Commissioner Elliot H. Goodwin.

"Awaiting your reply, I remain,
Respectfully yours,"

I sent that to the Governor under date of November 21. They had an investigation up there and it disclosed a few things—a few things that would break Boston wide open, as between City Hall and the State House. That is why, as I say, the Mayor of Boston sent back the answer that he did to the Council after we passed an order similar to this a month ago. I might refer perhaps to a remark made to me by Mr. McCarthy the day that I dropped the criminal complaint for assault and battery against him, made to me in front of my attorney, when he begged my pardon and thanked me for dropping the matter. He told me that he owed a certain obligation to a number of people in Boston, that he had to work out. He said further that he was sent to get me with something besides fists, something in his hands. He said that he recognized the obligation, but that he decided to use fists—although he couldn't use fists any too well. But that is what he said when I dropped the criminal complaint of assault and battery, the result of which would have been perhaps to send him to jail by Judge Zottoli in the Municipal Court. I am simply going to say this to the Mayor of Boston. Let him forget dignity for awhile. He has forgotten it a good many times in the long years he has been in politics, and to forget it for a little while now will not hurt him. So I have asked the Council to pass this order, so that we may obtain the full record of this employee of the City of Boston. Let us find out about the connection between City Hall and the Civil Service Commission. If the present Governor does not see fit to remove this fellow, because they are working up there in collusion with certain people at City Hall, perhaps when, as the result of the November election, we have a new era of democracy in the state when Governor Ely takes office, we may be able to then have something done. I respectfully

ask the Council to pass the order under suspension of the rule, and I trust that the Mayor will this time take steps to have the information furnished to the Council as quickly as possible. A month has elapsed since I introduced the other order. I certainly trust that we may obtain prompt action at this time.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

CONTRACTS HELD BY NONCITIZENS.

Coun. DOWD offered the following:

Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to direct an investigation of the subcontract on the marble interiors at the Boston City Hospital and the East Boston Court House, and if said firm of subcontractors is not composed of citizens of the United States, that the general contractor be directed to cancel said subcontract.

Coun. DOWD—Mr. President, for a good many years this Council and previous Councils have had a good deal of trouble with this question of alien help and alien work on subcontracts. We now have an accusation made by a reliable organization—the stone masons and marble setters' union No. 9, of the City of Boston,—in which they state that not only under the general contracts at the Boston City Hospital and the East Boston court house are men employed who live outside of Boston, but they say that an entirely alien concern—namely, Pignat Vicenzi of Everett—has received the subcontract on the City Hospital job, and that the same concern has received the subcontract on the East Boston court house. I say to you, Mr. President, and to the Mayor that here are two specific instances where alien help is employed from Everett while thousands of Boston boys are walking the streets unable to get a job, and I understand that alien help, not citizens of the United States, are employed on those jobs. As the contracts read, only citizens of the United States shall be given a contract, and yet we find these contractors—I know not who they are, and I care not—erecting the City Hospital and the East Boston court house, doing work amounting to thousands of dollars; that the employees of this alien concern from Everett are not citizens of Boston or citizens of Everett, but aliens, as I understand it. I am now asking the Mayor of Boston to investigate these cases, and if the facts are as alleged, in justice to Boston contractors and in justice to citizens of this city and this country, to cancel the contract of this alien concern and employ at least citizens of America.

Coun. KELLY—Mr. President, I might say that I am glad to see somebody cooperating with me on the floor of the Council. I heard the councilor from Roxbury earlier in the session make the remark that no one was cooperating with him on the floor of the City Council relative to the unemployment situation, but I guess he did not need to go far to find out that if any help was required he would surley have the assistance of the councilor from Dorchester. I wish to say that on two distinct occasions I have introduced orders into the Council that the Mayor take some action so that work on city contracts would be given to citizens of Boston, because other cities are doing it. I have stated previously what I felt to be the reason why the Mayor refused to make such an order. I think it is evident to everybody that he does not want to offend people in other cities. That is the reason. I am glad to see that somebody in this Council besides myself thinks this matter of sufficient importance to send it for the third time down to the Mayor, and I hope this time the Mayor will sit up awhile and make a good answer, better than the one he sent to us this afternoon.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

PAYMENT TO PARENTS OF DOROTHEA CARSON.

Coun. DOWD offered the following:

Resolved, That the Boston City Council hereby approves the enactment of legislation authorizing the City of Boston to pay a sum of money to the parents of Dorothea Carson.

Coun. DOWD—Mr. President, I simply desire to say that that order is introduced because of the

death of the little Carson girl. Her parents assume that she was kicked to death in a school in Roxbury. The parents desire the matter brought before the Massachusetts State Legislature. But before we can even get it in it must be passed by members of the Boston City Council. I am informed that the attorney for Mr. and Mrs. Carson are asking the Legislature to pay to the parents the sum of \$5,000 because of the child's death. The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

SIDEWALK ON RILL STREET.

Coun. KELLY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Rill street, No. 2 to No. 10, Ward 15, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917. Passed under suspension of the rule.

SPOT-LIGHT IN WARD 19.

Coun. MURRAY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install a spot-light at the corner of Green and Centre streets, Ward 19, for the use of the traffic officer on duty at that point.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

FINAL PASSAGE OF APPROPRIATIONS.

Chairman DONOVAN called up, under unfinished business, Nos. 2, 3 and 4 on the calendar, viz.:

2. Ordered, That the sum of \$40,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended by the trustees of the Boston City Hospital for new Administration Building, Furnishing and Equipping, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

On December 1, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 18, nays 0.

3. Ordered, That the sum of \$60,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Fire Commissioner for Fire Station, West End District, Site, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

On December 1, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 18, nays 0.

4. Ordered, That the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commission for filling, grading, relocating baseball diamonds, and other necessary improvements, on the Healy Playground, Roslindale, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

On December 1, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 17, nays 0.

The above orders, Nos. 2, 3 and 4 on the calendar, were given their second and final passage, yeas 20, nays 0.

LISTING OF RESIDENTS OF BOSTON.

Coun. GREEN submitted the following:

Ordered, That the Committee on Legislative Matters of the Boston City Council be requested to file with the incoming Legislature a bill providing for the transfer of the annual listing of residents of Boston from the Police Department to the Assessing Department.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

RECESS.

On motion of Coun. RUBY, the Council voted, at 3.14 p. m., to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by President LYNCH at 5.31 p. m.

GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL, GROVE HALL.

Coun. RUBY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Boston School Committee be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to proceed with the immediate erection of the girls' high school in the Grove Hall section of Boston.

Coun. RUBY—Mr. President, I don't want to take the time of the Council at this late hour, but this is a duplicate of the order that I presented earlier in the afternoon. I am stressing the point because of the information I have and because it is unfortunate if we do not take the proper steps to forward the erection of a school that is now comparatively congested. I believe that the girls' high school is necessary, I believe that it will not only serve the school purposes of the different parts of the Dorchester district, but that it will vitally affect other sections as well as Roxbury and Dorchester. I believe if we delay action on the matter at this time the immediate result will be the acceptance by the School Committee of the Worthington street site. His Honor the Mayor has given considerable thought to this proposition, and I believe the chairman of the Finance Commission has also done so, and that those two gentlemen are laying every possible emphasis on the choice between the two sites. What the thing revolves on now has no reference to intermediate high schools in Allston, Brighton or any other section, but it is a question whether the School Committee and those in charge of school construction shall build a girls' high school in the Worthington street section or one at Grove Hall. I think some members of the Council may unwittingly lose the point,—which is, that if we do not express an opinion we may not get one or the other. I think if the Grove Hall site is defeated no other site can be selected in the present program of girls' high school construction. I certainly trust that the members of the Council will give immediate thought not merely to the councilors from Dorchester and Roxbury, but to the councilors from the lower end of Roxbury, the Back Bay and South End of Boston, feeling that if we do not express our opinion at this time in favor of the Grove Hall site we will ultimately get that undesirable site close to the Brookline line. I ask for a suspension of the rule and the passage of the order.

President LYNCH—Is this the same order that was introduced in the early part of the session?

Coun. RUBY—It is.

President LYNCH—Then the Chair will have to rule it out of order, inasmuch as it is under consideration by the Executive Committee.

Coun. RUBY—Might I then, Mr. President, ask that the order referred earlier in the session be recalled?

President LYNCH—You ask suspension of the rule for that purpose?

Coun. RUBY—I do, Mr. President.

Coun. CURTIS—I object, Mr. President.

President LYNCH—The question comes on suspending the rule for the recall of the order introduced by Councilor Ruby earlier in the session and referred to the Executive Committee.

The rule was suspended, and the order introduced earlier in the session, identical with the order introduced before the beginning of this discussion by Councilor Ruby, was declared recalled from the Executive Committee.

President LYNCH—The question now comes on suspension of the rule and the passage of the order.

Coun. KELLY—Mr. President, as a councilor from Dorchester I agree with my colleague who has just spoken that Dorchester can stand another high school. But I do say this, that if Dorchester, comprising 200,000 people and consisting of five and one-half wards, is to have another high school, it should be in a central position in Dorchester. I say this, that the Grove Hall section of Dorchester is not a central part of Dorchester, but that either Meeting House Hill or Fields Corner is a proper place for a high school to be placed, if the School Committee are desirous of placing one there. In

either case, that would be in a place where the transportation facilities are of the best, and a place central to everybody in Dorchester, not within a stone's throw of another high school as this would be within a stone's throw of the Roxbury Memorial High School. I want to see a high school in Dorchester and want to do everything I can to have it go there, but I think at the same time the School Committee should be informed that the councilors from Dorchester want it in a central part of Dorchester, and at either Meeting House Hill or Fields Corner. So I will have to vote against the order to have the high school in the Grove Hall section.

Coun. FISH—Mr. President, I think the order introduced by Councilor Ruby is a good order. This land, I understand, has been bought and paid for and the plans drawn for the Grove Hall section. Although I don't think that is the ideal location, rather than lose the school altogether I would be in favor of Grove Hall.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I am going to vote for this particular order for the reason that the chairman of the Finance Commission after a very thorough examination has advised the body that it is a question of whether this new girls' high school shall be placed at Grove Hall or the error of sending a high school out in the wilds near the Art Museum shall be immediately repeated. Therefore, in order to save a repetition of that mistake, I shall vote for this particular order.

Coun. ARNOLD—Mr. President, I would not inject myself into the discussion, and I will vote for the order, except for the fact that the councilor from Dorchester evidently has not become familiar with the section I have the honor to represent, when he terms it "out in the wilds." If he were as familiar with the city as a councilor should be, he would know that his characterization is entirely erroneous.

Coun. WILSON—The gentleman misunderstood my pronunciation. I referred to the "wiles," not the "wilds"! [Laughter.]

Coun. CURTIS—Mr. President, I would ask the councilor from Ward 14 whether he is now introducing the same order that we voted on in Executive Committee?

President LYNCH—The order introduced earlier in the session was referred to Executive Committee, where it was laid on the table, and has now been recalled upon motion of Councilor Ruby, and is before us for action.

Coun. CURTIS—Mr. President, I would move to lay the order on the table again, as I did in executive session, feeling that this is a matter on which we ought to know how the School Committee feels before committing ourselves.

Coun. CURTIS' motion to lay the order on the table was declared carried. Councilor Ruby doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The Council refused to lay the order on the table, yeas 9, nays 13:

Yeas—Coun. Cox, Curtis, Gallagher, Hein, Kelly, Lynch, Mahoney, Murray, Norton—9.

Nays—Coun. Arnold, Bush, Donovan, Dowd, Englert, Fish, Fitzgerald, Gleason, Green, McGrath, Power, Ruby, Wilson—13.

President LYNCH—The question now comes on the suspension of the rule and the passage of the order.

Coun. BUSH—Mr. President, I have refrained from injecting myself into debate on this question, but, in view of the fact that the chairman of the Finance Commission has pointed out that if the site, which has already been paid for and in connection with which plans have been drawn for the new high school at the Grove Hall section is not taken, the chances are very strong that no high school will be built at all for some time. That will mean going through the same rigmarole all over again, purchasing new land in a new location, and so on. In view of that fact, and in view of the fact that there is a crying need for a high school in that section to take care of the overflow, I am in favor of the passage of the order.

The order was declared passed, under suspension of the rule. Coun. MURRAY doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The order was passed, under suspension of the rule, yeas 17, nays 5:

Yeas—Coun. Arnold, Bush, Donovan, Dowd, Englert, Fish, Fitzgerald, Gleason, Green, Hein, Lynch, Mahoney, McGrath, Norton, Power, Ruby, Wilson—17.

Nays—Coun. Cox, Curtis, Gallagher, Kelly, Murray—5.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. RUBY, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following:

1. Report on petition (referred today) for children under fifteen years of age to appear at places of public amusement, viz.:

Anne Marie Casey, at South Boston Municipal Building, December 18, that leave be granted.

Report accepted; leave granted under usual conditions.

2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) for a loan of \$90,000 for Fallon Field Playground, additional land and construction—that the same ought to pass.

Coun. DOWD—Mr. President, the question we are to decide this afternoon is not whether we should get additional land for playgrounds, but whether we should purchase additional land for the Fallon Playground at the price proposed. I have always been a firm believer in the city purchasing as much land as possible for playground purposes for the children, but I am also of the opinion that when an order involving \$90,000 is presented to our Executive Committee we should at least expect department heads to appear before us and tell us the truth in the matter. Each and every member of the Council heard Commissioner Long tell us that the land was assessed at either \$43,000 or \$48,000, and, because of the fact that no councilor had sufficient time to look into the matter, we took the word of the commissioner that it was assessed for \$43,000 to \$48,000, and that it was proposed to purchase the land for \$65,000. I felt that even with a valuation of \$48,000 the price of \$65,000 was too much, because I had in mind the fact that the same department purchased in Dorchester 108,000 square feet for two-thirds of this amount. Now, what is the situation here? There are 109,950 square feet of land, that we were informed here is assessed for \$43,000 to \$48,000. The real story I have obtained from the Assessing Department, which is that the land is assessed for \$26,800 and the building for \$6,200, or an assessment altogether of \$33,000. Now, we were misinformed or somebody deliberately lied in making the statement that was made to the Executive Committee. If members of this Council can conscientiously vote to buy a piece of property assessed for \$33,000 for \$65,000, they may do so. I say that I believe the Fallon Playground should be enlarged, but I believe the Council should at least have a chance to look into the matter where it is proposed to spend \$65,000 of the taxpayers' money for a piece of land that is assessed for \$33,000. We certainly do not want to give the owners of land assessed for 17 cents a foot 34 cents a foot. It is unfair to the taxpayers of Boston. If you vote for this order, you are voting to put into somebody's pocketbook the sum of \$25,000.

The report was accepted and the question came on the passage of the order.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I have been somewhat embarrassed by the remarks made here, particularly as being one of that large majority who voted back "Ought to pass" on this particular order. I hesitate to believe, and trust it is not exactly accurate, that the head of a department would mislead the members of the Council. I do have in mind, however, that if we adjourn for two weeks this order might, if it is passed today, then receive its second reading and can still be defeated. I believe we should take this matter up with the Park Department or the proper officials before we do meet again, so that we may understand the situation. But if action on this matter is cut short at the end of the year, I don't know what the result may be. I do wish to say, however, that, voting to give this order its first reading and in favor of its passage at this time, I reserve the right to vote differently on the second reading, two or three weeks from today.

Coun. COX—Mr. President, in view of the fact that perhaps the Park Commissioner may have been mistaken as to the assessed valuation of that land, and so that the councilors might become familiar with it, I would recommend its being laid on the table. Personally, I wish to say that I know the property and I know the building that is on it, and that \$65,000 is not at all an exorbitant price for this property. It adjoins the playground called the Fallon Field Playground, which at the present time does not have a full-sized diamond or a full-sized football field. In view of what has occurred, however, I would like to have the matter laid on the table.

President LYNCH—The Chair would remind the Council that if the order does not receive one reading today there will not be an opportunity to act upon it this year, that it will have to go over. However, if the councilor wishes to make the motion to lay on the table, of course he can do so. Do you make the motion to lay on the table, councilor?

Coun. COX—I withdraw that motion, Mr. President.

Coun. FITZGERALD—Mr. President, I would like to ask the councilor who has just spoken if this order was not put in during the last administration for the sum of \$100,000?

Coun. COX—I believe it was, Mr. President, that the amount then was \$100,000,—or the purchase price, I understood, was then \$80,000, and it is now \$65,000. I want to say this, that there can be no question in the mind of anybody that Mr. Fallon, who owns that property, could sell his home and cut the land up into house lots and receive a great deal more money than this \$65,000. But Mr. Fallon is a very high type of gentleman, and it is a question of helping the community. His son was killed in the war and this playground is named after his son.

Coun. DOWD—Mr. President, I think it is rather unfair to try to compare real estate values of three years ago, when the order was put in here for \$100,000, with real estate values at the present time. We all realize that real estate values are now 50 per cent below what they were at that time. I am not questioning the integrity of the owner of the land in any respect whatever, but I do say that members of the Council are entitled to a hearing on any matter that comes before them, and they are entitled to the truth. When the head of a department comes before us in this way and makes such statements, I cannot see how anybody can conscientiously vote to give 100 per cent over the value of the land in these days.

Coun. KELLY—Mr. President, I am in favor of enlarging any playground in the City of Boston. I think I have already, by my attitude in past meetings, shown that. At the same time, I am against having orders introduced here at 2.15 o'clock on the afternoon of a meeting by the Mayor of the City of Boston, and having him try to get them through without reference to the proper committee. I claim that the matter should be investigated by the Committee on Public Lands or the Committee on Finance. I am on neither committee. I understand that the gentleman from West Roxbury has no objection to laying the matter on the table, and I move you, sir, that we lay the matter on the table. I make that as a motion.

The motion to lay on the table was declared lost. Coun. KELLY doubted the vote and asked for a rising vote. The motion to lay on the table was lost by a rising vote, 6 to 13.

Coun. BUSH—Mr. President, I merely want to correct the impression given by one of the previous speakers with reference to the discrepancy between the assessed valuation of property and the amount for which the property is proposed to be sold. There is a great deal of difference between assessed valuations of commercial property, assessed valuations of income-bearing residential property, and assessed valuations of single homes. You will find in going through the assessed valuations of single-family homes throughout the entire city—and, in fact, throughout the entire Commonwealth—that all single-family homes are very much under-assessed. I have in mind at the present time a home at the corner of Rutledge street and Humboldt avenue, in my own ward, a very beautiful estate and a very expensive estate—I think it probably cost somewhere in the vicinity of \$75,000 to build the home alone. Yet that estate has been assessed for years, through the high market prices, for not more than \$26,000 for both the house and the garage, although the garage alone cost more than half of that to build. So you cannot take assessed valuations alone as a criterion on which to base the value of a single-family estate, more especially when the estate contains a very large area of vacant land in addition to the house, because then the land is assessed for still less, it not only being nonincome-bearing property, but being occupied only by an individual for purposes of a home. For that reason I believe you cannot take the assessed valuation of the property entirely into consideration in deciding the valuation at which the property should be purchased and in arriving at a fair price to be

paid for it. I think the property ought to be appraised. I feel that this Council ought to adjourn for one week only and in the meantime further information should be furnished to us on this question. I think that will still leave us sufficient time to give the order a second reading. [Voices: "No!"]

Coun. McGRATH—Mr. President, I think there is one point that we lose sight of in this matter. There is a field out there known as Fallon Field. They want to extend the field. Everyone in that section says it is necessary to extend the field. They cannot take three or four blocks, paying the amount of money that would be necessary, in order to extend the field. They have to buy land directly adjacent to the present land. As I understand it, Fallon Field is named for the man who owns the land adjacent to Fallon Field. He has a rather extensive home and stable there. Of course, they never assess single homes at their full valuation, and, of course, while the city will have to demolish that home and stable, it must pay for them. A year ago this same proposition was in for \$100,000. That home, as it has been well kept up, I understand, is probably worth about as much today as it was previously, and the land is valuable, because the value of land in that section of Boston is perhaps growing more rapidly than anywhere else. So you are faced with this situation. Fallon Field is too small for the proper sort of playground. You cannot buy land outside of Fallon Field, improved property, for five times the amount proposed here. So, in extending the field, the only possible way to do so is in the way proposed here, land which was offered previously for \$100,000 and can now be purchased for \$65,000. Let us stand up and vote for the proposition.

Coun. GREEN—Mr. President, I want to vote intelligently upon this matter, and I shall vote for the passage of the order to one reading this afternoon. As Councilor Wilson said awhile ago, we can reserve our rights on the second reading of this order, and I will reserve my right. I think it is the duty of every member, after such sensational charges, as I call them, as have been made here by a member of this body, in justice to the Park Commissioner and other officials to weigh them carefully. We can vote for the first reading and passage of the order this afternoon and reserve our rights on the second reading, and that is what I propose to do.

Coun. KELLY—Mr. President, I want to remind the Council that if they ever want to enlarge a playground, they always have the right under the law to go out and take any parcel located within the confines of the City of Boston, under the right of eminent domain, and pay to the owners thereof the fair value. So I say, if the Mayor of the City of Boston wishes to enlarge this playground, he can go out and take this piece of land just like that and have the courts decide on the fair value of the land. I believe when a piece of property is assessed for \$33,000 and is being offered to the city for \$65,000 it is outrageous, and I agree with the councilor from Ward 8 when he stands up and tells his colleagues that it is outrageous. So there is no fear of anything being lost by a little delay. The land can always be taken. It is not like money in the Parkman Fund which has to be spent this year. This land does not have to be taken this year. It may be taken at any time up to March or April, or later, for that matter. So I shall vote against the order.

Coun. NORTON—Mr. President, I will simply say that I agree with the councilors from Dorchester and Roxbury when they say the proposition to give \$65,000 for land assessed for \$33,000 is hard to explain. However, we have a rather mixed problem here. Up to a few moments ago I did not know where I would stand on the matter, although I think now I will vote for the first reading of the order, reserving the right to change my vote on the second reading if circumstances seem to warrant. I fully agree with the councilor from Roxbury that it is a matter that needs looking into. Of course, the Street Commissioners under the law of eminent domain can have a hearing and take the land. We can pass this order to a first reading today, and if circumstances seem to warrant can defeat it when it comes up for a second reading. If the matter then goes over to the next fiscal year and it is then desired to take the land, the Street Commissioners can hold a hearing and any of us who wish can go there and oppose the taking on account of the price. But in voting

in favor of the first reading, I reserve my right to change my position later.

Coun. MURRAY—Mr. President, if this order is passed today and then goes over, does it automatically go into effect?

President LYNCH—It does not pass unless it has two readings this year.

Coun. NORTON moved the previous question; The main question was ordered, and the Council voted to give the order its first reading and passage, yeas 18, nays 4:

Yeas—Coun. Arnold, Bush, Cox, Curtis, Donovan, Englert, Fish, Gallagher, Gleason, Green, Lynch, Mahoney, McGrath, Murray, Norton, Power, Ruby, Wilson—18.

Nays—Coun. Dowd, Fitzgerald, Hein, Kelly—4. The order will take its second reading and passage in not less than fourteen days from date.

3. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) for a loan of \$125,000 for bath house and laundry building and equipment, etc., North End Park—that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed, yeas 22, nays 0.

The order will take its second reading and passage in not less than fourteen days from date.

4. Report on order (referred today) that the Committee on Legislative Matters of the Boston City Council be directed to file with the incoming Legislature a bill providing for the transfer of the annual listing of residents of Boston from the Police Department to the Assessing Department, that the same be referred to the Committee on Legislative Matters.

Report accepted; said reference ordered.

APPROPRIATION OF PARKMAN FUND BALANCE.

Coun. CURTIS, for the Committee on Parkman Fund, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) that the sum of \$68,720.14 be, and hereby is, appropriated from the income of the George F. Parkman Fund, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commissioners, for the maintenance and improvement of the Common and parks in existence on January 12, 1887,—Franklin Park Improvements, \$68,720.14,—that the same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed, yeas 22, nays 0.

CONFIRMATION OF WEIGHER AND CONSTABLES.

President LYNCH called up, under unfinished business, No. 1 on the calendar, viz.:

1. Action on appointment submitted by the Mayor December 1, 1930, of Samuel N. Schlesinger, to be a Weigher of Goods.

Coun. WILSON also called up No. 16 on the calendar, viz.:

16. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor November 17, 1930, of Dennis L. Griffin and George J. Coyle, to be Constables.

The question came on confirmation of the above appointments. Committee, Coun. Arnold and Hein. Whole number of ballots 14, yeas 14, and the appointments were confirmed.

CONCRETE BLEACHERS, RONAN PARK.

Coun. KELLY offered the following:

Ordered, That the sum of forty thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commission for the erection of concrete bleachers on Ronan Park, Ward 15, and that to meet such expense the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, at the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

CONVENIENCE STATION NEAR BLACK- STONE PARK.

Coun. GLEASON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to erect an up-to-date convenience station in the vicinity of Blackstone Park.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

Adjourned, at 6.09 p. m., on motion of Coun. DONOVAN, to meet on Monday, December 22, 1930, at 2 p. m.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, December 22, 1930.

Regular meeting of the City Council in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President LYNCH presiding. Absent, Coun. Cox, Dowd and Fitzgerald.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MAYOR.

Subject to confirmation by the Council, the Mayor submitted the following appointments for the term ending April 30, 1931, viz.:

Constables: William L. Kelley, 1130 Bennington street, East Boston; Joseph Lesberg, 18 Baird street, Dorchester.

Laid over a week under the law.

SPOT-LIGHT IN WARD 19.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 22, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Hon. Joseph A. Conry, Traffic Commissioner, regarding your request for a spot-light at the corner of Green and Centre streets. This is in reply to your order of December 15, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, December 20, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I am in receipt of the order adopted by the City Council on December 15, 1930,

"That the Boston Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install a spot-light at the corner of Green and Centre streets, Ward 19, for the use of the traffic officer on duty at that point."

You are respectfully informed that orders have been issued to locate a spot-light at this intersection.

Yours very truly,
JOSEPH A. CONRY,
Commissioner.

Placed on file.

CHARLESTOWN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 22, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Louis K. Rourke, Superintendent of the Department of School Buildings, relative to the new junior high school in Charlestown. This is in reply to your order of November 24, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Department of School Buildings,
December 15, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—With reference to order of the City Council, dated November 24, relative to new junior high school in Charlestown, I would say that the appropriation for construction of this building has been made, contract has been entered into with an architect for the plans, and the job should be on the market within about ninety days.

Respectfully yours,
L. K. ROURKE,
Superintendent.

Placed on file.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS.

The following were received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 22, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Hon. Joseph A. Conry, Traffic Commissioner, regarding your request to install an automatic traffic signal at the junction of Saratoga street and Bennington street. This is in reply to your order of December 1, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
154 Berkeley Street, December 16, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mayor Curley,—I have the honor to acknowledge herewith receipt of the order of the City Council, dated December 1, that the Traffic Commission be requested to install traffic signals at the junction of Saratoga and Bennington streets, Ward 1.

You are respectfully informed that this is one of the most important intersections in the outlying section of the city and in my judgment a traffic light should be installed at an early date.

This should be taken up in connection with several other intersections, report of which will be made at an early date.

Yours very truly,
JOSEPH A. CONRY,
Commissioner.

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 22, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Hon. Joseph A. Conry, Traffic Commissioner, regarding your request for traffic signals in Sullivan square. This is in reply to your order of December 15, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission,
154 Berkeley Street, December 20, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I am in receipt of the order adopted by the City Council on December 15, 1930,

"That the Boston Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install automatic traffic signals at Sullivan square."

I believe that traffic lights should be installed at Sullivan square and will include this intersection in a list which is now in course of preparation showing the points at which lights should be installed.

The amount of money available for these automatic signal lights is limited and it is desirable that a systematic installation be agreed upon at the opening of the year in order that we may determine how much additional money may be required.

Yours very truly,
JOSEPH A. CONRY,
Commissioner.

Severally placed on file.

UNDERGROUNDING OF WIRES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 22, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Hon. Edward F. McLaughlin, Fire Commissioner, relative to your request to include Fenwood road, St. Alphonsus and Alleghany streets on which wires are to be placed underground. This is in reply to your order of December 1, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Fire Department, December 15, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir, I return herewith to your Honor copy of an order from the City Council requesting that Fenwood road, St. Alphonsus and Alleghany

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streets, Ward 10, be included in the list of streets in which the wires are to be placed underground during the coming year.

I have issued instructions that the wires be placed underground on Fenwood road and St. Alphonsus street.

Concerning Alleghany street—part of this street is accepted and part is unaccepted. There is only one pole in the accepted part of the street. I do not feel that it is advisable to prescribe this street as in my opinion the distance can be better utilized on some other street where there are more poles and heavier wires.

Yours very truly,
EDWARD F. McLAUGHLIN,
Fire Commissioner.

Placed on file.

ORDERS REGARDING UNEMPLOYMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 22, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—For a period of nearly two months, after each weekly meeting of the City Council, I have been in receipt of orders requesting information or action on the question of unemployment, many of the orders having motives which perhaps might be considered nonconstructive. I appreciate the cooperation of the Council during the present year, and anticipate it for the future, but in order to forestall a possible tendency to become controversial over certain phases of the situation it becomes advisable to make my position clear.

The remedies suggested to alleviate the condition confronting this country, and it seems, the rest of the world also, fall into two classes: First, the relief of unemployment, and second, the relief of the unemployed. The relief of unemployment is a highly involved economic question and its solution is engaging the attention of the best minds in this country and abroad. The temporary employment of men in governmental activities, and in other construction work financed by contributions from public-spirited citizens, is in no sense a solution of this great problem except in so far as it may have an effect in restoring public confidence and expanding the circulation of money. The real problem is to so manage the industrial and agricultural production of the world and its markets that the number of those who need jobs and are without them shall be reduced to a minimum, and that this situation once arrived at shall be approximately permanent.

The other kind of relief, namely, furnishing the means of providing the necessities of life for those who are out of employment, is the class to which nearly all the orders presented in the Council belong. This particular kind of relief, whether in the form of charity or temporary work, is a matter which has engaged my attention almost continuously for more than thirty years.

For the past eleven months the principal effort of the administration has been directed to adopting measures to cope with the present situation, and I may be pardoned for saying that it is doubtful if anyone is more familiar with conditions than I, both from past experience and present position.

I shall welcome any remedial suggestions, presented either publicly or privately by the members of the Council, and they may feel assured that even if I do not reply categorically to future orders, those which have merit will be given my best consideration; and the suggestions, if practicable adopted.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

PROPERTY DEPRECIATION BY ELEVATED.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 19, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I beg to return herewith the order adopted by your honorable body under date of December 15 requesting that his Excellency the Governor appoint a commission to study the depreciation of property along the line of the elevated railway structure from the Everett line to Forest Hills.

There is no provision of the law which would require the Governor to grant a request of this character and it would appear to me that if this information is desired the proper step would be to have a bill introduced in the Legislature requesting the Legislature to appoint a committee to make such study and I am quite sure the Legislature would approve the same.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

VETO OF APPROPRIATION FOR HEALY PLAYGROUND.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 17, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I beg to return herewith, without my approval, order adopted by your honorable body under date of December 15, 1930, and reading as follows:

Ordered, That the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commission for filling, grading, relocating baseball diamonds, and other necessary improvements, on the Healy Playground, Roslindale, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, upon the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

The reason for the rejection of this order is that the funds necessary for the carrying out of the provisions of the order are not available. I have examined into the merits of the proposition, believe it worthy, and provided a similar order is adopted in 1931 shall approve the same.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Placed on file.

PARKING NEAR CITY HALL ANNEX.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 22, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Hon. Joseph A. Conry, Traffic Commissioner, regarding the parking of cars near City Hall Annex. This is in reply to your order of December 1, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Traffic Commission, December 16, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mayor Curley,—I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of an order of the City Council dated December 1 requesting the Traffic Commissioner to cooperate with the Police Commissioner in preventing the continual parking of cars around City Hall Annex.

The present traffic rules are quite explicit in regard to the parking of cars in this vicinity. These rules have met with the approval of the Police Commissioner in whose hands rests the power to enforce said rules. A parking check will be made by the Traffic Commission with a view to discovering whether or not cars continue to be parked in this area in violation of the rule.

Yours very truly,
JOSEPH A. CONRY, Commissioner.

Placed on file.

SALE OF JUNK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 22, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I beg to submit herewith communication from the Commissioner of Public Works recommending the sale of an accumulation of junk, comprising cast iron, brass, heavy and light composition, vulcanized rubber and rubber tires at the Water Division Yard on Albany street, and recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Works Department, December 20, 1930.
To His Honor the Mayor.

We have on hand in the Water Division yard on Albany street an accumulation of junk, comprising cast iron, brass, heavy and light composition, vulcanized rubber and rubber tires. This material should be disposed of as soon as possible, as it is occupying valuable space in the yard.

Its estimated value is \$1,500 and I respectfully recommend that the permission of the City Council be obtained for its sale at public auction.

Yours respectfully,
JOSEPH A. ROUBEKE,
Commissioner of Public Works.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be, and hereby is, authorized to sell at public auction a quantity of junk belonging to the Public Works Department, the estimated value of which is approximately \$1,500.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PLANS FOR SUFFOLK COUNTY EM- PLOYEES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 22, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I am in receipt of a report from the Budget Commissioner, prepared under the provisions of chapter 400, Acts of 1930, and containing Classification and Compensation Plans for the officers and employees of Suffolk County, together with rules for administering the same.

This report has been prepared after a five months' intensive study of the thirty-two departments and the 1,027 positions making up the service of the County of Suffolk. The maximum cost of the adoption of the proposed plans is estimated by the Budget Commissioner to be \$161,797.66, or approximately 7 per cent of the present county pay roll requirements. This maximum cost will not be felt immediately but will be spread over a period of eight years, the full cost not being reached until 1938.

Adoption of the proposed plans will result in the establishment of a sound and practicable basis for arriving at proper rates of compensation for officers and positions in the county service. The present method of fixing salaries by the Legislature results only in spasmodic changes by statute at the behest of well-organized groups. Under such a system, inequalities have naturally crept into the compensation schedules of Suffolk County. The proposed plans will not only remove these inequalities but will assure uniform justice in the relation between the compensation officers and employees now receive and the value of their work.

I transmit this report for consideration by your honorable body, together with an order providing for the putting into effect of the proposed plans and rules.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Budget Department, December 20, 1930.
Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—Acting under the provisions of chapter 400 of the Acts of 1930, I submit for transmission to the City Council a report in which Classification and Compensation Plans for the officers and employees of Suffolk County, together with rules for administering the same, are proposed.

Complete details as to the nature and amount of work involved in the preparation of this report, together with an estimate of cost and a general description of the proposed plans, may be found in the first nine pages of the report.

Respectfully,
CHARLES J. FOX,
Budget Commissioner.

Ordered, That, under the provisions of chapter 400, Acts of 1930, the Classification and Compensation Plans for the officers and employees of Suffolk County, together with the rules for administering said plans, as proposed by the Budget

Commissioner, and set forth in the accompanying schedule, be, and the same hereby are, established. (Accompanying the communication was the report referred to.)

Referred to the Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

William J. Berlo, for refund on unused refuse tickets.

Theresa Broderick, for compensation for injuries caused by defect in Francis Parkman School.

Angelina Capobianco, for compensation for injuries on ferryboat.

Maria Colombo, for compensation for injuries received on ferry.

Antonio Cudde, for compensation for injuries received on ferry.

Nicola DiGiovanni, for compensation for injuries received on ferry.

Angelo Finno, for compensation for injuries received on ferry.

John G. Gardiner, for compensation for injuries received on ferry.

Harry Greene, for compensation for damage to property at 91-95 Meridian street, East Boston, caused by defective water pipes.

Thomas J. Hurley, for compensation for damage to taxicab caused by steam shovel belonging to Transit Department.

Salvator Ilacqua, for compensation for clothing taken from City Hospital.

Angelina Infantino, for compensation for injuries received on ferry.

Josephine LoScuto, for compensation for injuries received on ferry.

Katherine Maurer, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect in P street, South Boston.

Mrs. Esther Musiker, for compensation for injuries caused by negligence of firemen.

Mrs. Angelina Nigro, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 124 Summer street.

Giuseppina Pagliarulo, for compensation for injuries received on ferry.

Mrs. Martin Reppucci, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect on Gordon street.

James Rubino, for compensation for injuries received on ferry.

Nathan Shaiat, for refund on refuse tickets.

Charles Silverman, for compensation for damage to property at 15 Hansborough street, caused by defective water pipes.

Joseph Taddioni, for compensation for damage to property at 91-95 Meridian street, East Boston, caused by defective pipes.

Vita Taschetta, for compensation for injuries received on ferry.

Tony Verone, for compensation for injuries received on ferry.

Max Weiner, for compensation for injuries caused by an alleged defect at 190 Harold street.

Woodbury Company, for compensation for damage to property at 201 Summer street, East Boston, caused by leak in water pipe.

Committee on Jitney Licenses.

Petition of Middlesex & Boston Street Railway Company to operate motor vehicles on Commonwealth avenue from Newton and Boston city line along southerly roadway to a point approximately opposite Lake street, then turning to left and returning to Boston and Newton city line along the northerly roadway.

Executive.

Petition of Mary J. Mulligan, to be paid an annuity on account of death of her husband, Martin F. Mulligan, an employee of the Fire Department.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS PAY ROLL.

The pay roll of Registry of Deeds amounting to \$4,026.20 from November 17 to December 20, inclusive, for piece work, was received and approved.

APPOINTMENT OF SECOND ASSISTANT ASSESSOR.

Notice was received from the Board of Assessors of appointment of Charles A. Horrigan, No. 34A Bunker Hill street, Charlestown, as second assistant assessor, effective December 22, 1930.

Placed on file.

CONSTABLE'S BOND.

The constable's bond of William A. Amsie, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, was received and approved.

NOTICE OF HEARING.

Notice was received from the Department of Public Works of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of hearing to be held December 31 at 2 p. m. on application of Edison Electric Illuminating Company of Boston for license to build and maintain a submarine cable tunnel in Mystic river at Malden Bridge in City of Boston.

Placed on file.

SIDEWALK ASSESSMENTS.

A communication was received from the Commissioner of Public Works in regard to the cost of constructing artificial stone sidewalks, together with order assessing half cost to owners of record of estates bordering thereon, viz.: Brentwood street, Ward 22, half cost, \$2,284.46.

Order passed under suspension of the rule.

MINORS' LICENSES.

President LYNCH submitted petitions of fifty-one newsboys for minors' licenses. Approved, under the usual conditions.

PAYMENT OF AID TO SOLDIERS AND SAILORS.

Coun. MAHONEY, for the Committee on Soldiers' Relief, submitted report recommending passage of order for payment of aid to soldiers and sailors and their families in the City of Boston for the month of December, 1930.

Report accepted; said order passed.

SIDEWALK ON SHELDON STREET.

Coun. MURRAY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works make a sidewalk along Sheldon street, both sides, Ward 19, in front of the estates bordering thereon; said sidewalk to be from 3 to 10 inches above the gutter adjoining, to be from 5 to 12 feet in width, and to be built of artificial stone, with granite edgestones, under the provisions of chapter 196 of the Special Acts of 1917.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

RECESS.

On motion of Coun. RUBY, the Council moved to take a recess at 2.40 p. m., subject to the call of the President.

The members of the Council reassembled in the Council Chamber at 2.55 p. m. and were called to order by President LYNCH.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. MAHONEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted reports as follows:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) recommending that Commissioner of Public Works be authorized to sell at public auction junk belonging to Public Works Department—that said order be passed.

Report accepted; said order passed.

2. Report on petition (referred December 15) of Ellen C. Bartlett for annuity on account of death of her husband, late member of the Boston Police Department—recommending passage of accompanying order, viz.:

Ordered, That under the provisions of chapter 182 of the Acts of 1930, as amended by chapter 241 of the Acts of 1930, an annuity of twelve hundred dollars be allowed and paid to Ellen C. Bartlett, widow of Frederick W. Bartlett, a member of the Police Department, who died on December 10, 1930, from injuries received in the performance of his duty; said annuity being made up of allowances as follows:

For the widow, Ellen C. Bartlett, so long as she remains unmarried, \$1,000 per annum.

For daughter, Louise V. Bartlett, born June 25, 1927, during such time as she is under the age of eighteen, or over said age and physically or mentally incapacitated from earning, \$200 per annum, the payments to date from December 11, 1930, and to be charged to the appropriation for Police Department, Pensions and Annuities.

Report accepted; said order passed.

COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES REPORT.

Coun. ENGLERT, for the Committee on Ordinances, submitted the following:

1. Report on message of Mayor and ordinance (referred December 15) amending chapter 4 of Ordinances of 1926 by striking out said chapter and inserting in place thereof the following:

The treasurer may appoint a cashier and assistant cashiers who may, in addition to such other duties as the treasurer may require them to perform, sign in the name and behalf of the treasurer, if countersigned by said cashier or assistant cashiers, all checks which may be required for the payment of pay rolls, drafts and other purposes as the treasurer may direct.

—recommending passage of same.

Report accepted; said ordinance passed.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENTS.

President LYNCH called up No. 1 on the calendar, viz.:

1. Action on appointment submitted by the Mayor December 15, 1930, of Harold R. Smith, to be a Weigher of Coal.

On request of Coun. Wilson the names of the following constables were also taken up, viz.:

Leon J. Greene, Charles M. Daley, Joseph Simansky and Maurice W. Sherman.

The question came on confirmation. Committee, Coun. Kelly and Green. Whole number of ballots 15, yeas 15, and the appointments were confirmed.

FLOODING OF PLAYGROUNDS IN WARD 11.

Coun. ENGLERT offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to flood for skating all playgrounds in Ward 11.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PROPOSED ACCEPTANCE OF CAREY ROAD, WARD 11.

Coun. ENGLERT offered the following:

Ordered, That the Board of Street Commissioners be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to lay out and accept as a public highway Carey road, Ward 11.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

PAYMENT OF DUES IN COOPERATIVE BANKS.

Coun. NORTON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to cooperate with the officials of the Massachusetts Cooperative Bank League in their endeavors to change the present Massachusetts Bank Cooperative law regarding the payment of dues by shareholders.

Coun. NORTON—Mr. President, the Massachusetts Cooperative Bank League has drawn up a bill which will be presented to the Legislature giving to the individual boards of directors of the individual banks the right to state whether or not dues which are owed to the banks monthly shall be paid, or whether or not, where the individual is out of work through no fault of his own, and is unable to make payments, whether they shall be held up until an opportunity is given to pay them. In other words, Shall the home be saved? The Massachusetts Cooperative Bank League has prepared a bill that is to be introduced into the Legislature that will give to the directors of cooperative banks in Massachusetts the right to say how long they shall allow an individual to go without paying his dues to the bank. In other words, perhaps a concrete case will illustrate. If a man owns an \$8,000 home and pays the bank \$80 a month, \$40 of that amount is for interest and the other \$40 is for what is known as the due clause in the co-operative bank. Now, the bank does not ask the right to waive that interest charge, but it does ask the right to waive the present law in the present economic emergency. Under the law, at the expiration of four months, when a man does not meet his payment for four months, the bank has the right to step in and foreclose the mortgage and take the home. At the end of six months, this is mandatory. The bank must then step in and foreclose the mortgage and take the home from the man who is out of work and unable to meet his payments. The directors of the banks ask this privilege, that, instead of stepping in, foreclosing and taking the home from the shareholder, who, through no fault of his own, is unable to make the payments, discretion in the matter be left to the directors of the banks in each community. If they find that the man is honest and cannot obtain work, the bank will allow it to run for eight months. The dues need not be paid for eight months, but the interest, of course, must run on. During the war we had an emergency where men were inducted or drafted into the service of Uncle Sam. The cooperative bank official in this Commonwealth at the present time will file a bill in the Legislature asking that they be given that authority. At the present time, at the expiration of six months they must foreclose and sell the home, but under this proposed law it will be possible, in cases they think are worthy, to hold that loan for six, eight, ten or even twelve months.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

INVESTIGATION BY HEALTH COMMISSIONER.

Coun. GREEN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Health Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to make a thorough investigation, with a view to applying a remedy, of the cause of the nauseating odors that filled the air in Charlestown on Friday evening, December 19, causing sickness and an epidemic of throat trouble and to report to the City Council at once.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

OVERTIME OF POLICE OFFICERS.

Coun. HEIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Police Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to furnish the Boston City Council with the number of hours overtime performed by each police officer of his department, during 1929 and 1930 to date.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COUNTY ACCOUNTS.

Coun. WILSON, for the Committee on County Accounts, submitted the following:

1. Report on communication from Chief Justice of Municipal Court, Roxbury District, relative to appointment of William H. Murray and Thomas M. Gemelli, probation officers, recommending passage of following order:

Ordered, That the salary of the additional probation officers for the Municipal Court of the Roxbury District, as determined by the justice of said court, viz.: William H. Murray and Thomas M. Gemelli, two thousand eight hundred dollars per annum, be, and the same is, hereby approved, to take effect January 1, 1931.

Report accepted; said order passed.

FLOODING OF COLUMBUS PARK.

President LYNCH offered the following:

Ordered, That the Park Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to flood Columbus Park, South Boston, for skating.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

INFORMATION IN REGARD TO CLASSIFICATION OF COUNTY OF SUFFOLK EMPLOYEES.

Coun. WILSON—As a point of information, Mr. President, with reference to this booklet that has been given to each member of the Council, being the proposal for the classification of wages of the employees of Suffolk County, which I assume we are supposed to read over and know something about, before voting on it, might I ask the Clerk with reference to the possibility of obtaining, with reference to each of the figures listed, at least one copy which will show us what the present employees of Suffolk County now receive, so that we will have some guidance with reference to our action on the proposed plan.

President LYNCH—The Chair will state that the Executive Committee may have that information at their disposal when they meet to discuss this situation.

Coun. WILSON—Of course, what I have in mind is not the oral information furnished to members of the Council. I mean a detailed report showing a comparison of these proposed figures with the present figures. I thought I would make that suggestion now so that, at the next meeting I would not be accused of delaying matters by asking for it at that time.

President LYNCH—The Chair understands that the information is available at the present time.

Coun. CURTIS—Another point of information, Mr. President, about county matters. I would like to inquire if this has anything to do with report of the Special Commission on County Salaries appointed, I believe, under the chairmanship of Mr. Parkman.

President LYNCH—This classification is made in consequence of the commission's investigation and the enactment of chapter 400 of the Acts of 1930. Any further motions, orders or resolutions.

On motion of Coun. RUBY the Council voted, at 3.15 p. m. to adjourn.

Adjourned to Monday, December 29, 1930, at 2 p. m.

CITY OF BOSTON.

Proceedings of City Council.

Monday, December 29, 1930.

Regular meeting of the City Council, held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, at 2 p. m., President LYNCH in the chair. Absent, Coun. Dowd.

MASSACHUSETTS BANK COOPERATIVE LAW.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 26, 1930.
To the City Council.
Gentlemen,—In conformity with order adopted by the City Council under date of December 22 and reading as follows:

Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to cooperate with the officials of the Massachusetts Cooperative Bank League in their endeavors to change the present Massachusetts Bank Cooperative law regarding the payment of dues by shareholders.

I have conferred with the Corporation Counsel and have been assured by him that he will cooperate with the officials of the Massachusetts Cooperative Bank League in their endeavor to change the present Massachusetts cooperative banking laws regarding the payment of dues by shareholders.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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USE OF NEW DEER ISLAND BUILDING.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 29, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William G. O'Hare, Penal Institutions Commissioner, regarding the immediate use of the new residence building at Deer Island. This is in reply to your order of December 15, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Penal Institutions Department,
December 22, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,
Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—I beg to inform you that the new doctor's house at Deer Island will be occupied very shortly. We are awaiting the ironing out of a few matters between the architect and the builder.

May I add that of course we want the house occupied by those for whom it was built just as soon as is possible.

Yours respectfully,
WILLIAM G. O'HARE,
Penal Institutions Commissioner.

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SUBCONTRACTS ON MARBLE INTERIORS.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 29, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from John P. Englert, Superintendent of Public Buildings, relative to the subcontract on the marble interiors at the Boston City Hospital and the East Boston Courthouse. This is in reply to your order of December 15, 1930.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,
Public Buildings Department,
December 23, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—Replying to the order of the City Council of December 15 whereby it was ordered:

"That his Honor the Mayor be requested to direct an investigation of the subcontract on the marble interiors at the Boston City Hospital and the East Boston Courthouse, and if said firm or subcontractors is not composed of citizens of the United States, that the general contractor be directed to cancel said subcontract." I respectfully report that I have had the clerk of works on the East Boston Courthouse check up on all the present employees on this work and find that there are no marble workers among them. The only marble work done up to the present time has been the removal of the old material about the middle of July and since that time no mechanics in this line have been employed in the building.

As far as work on the City Hospital is concerned, that building is not under the jurisdiction of this department and I have no way of knowing what the conditions are there.

Respectfully yours,
JOHN P. ENGLERT,
Superintendent of Public Buildings.

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EMPLOYMENT OF LEGAL RESIDENTS OF BOSTON.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 29, 1930.
To the Honorable the City Council.

Gentlemen,—This is in reply to the order adopted by your honorable body on November 10, 1930, which order is as follows:

"Ordered, That his Honor the Mayor be requested to favor the City Council with a reply to my order passed under a suspension of the rule on September 8, 1930, asking him to consider the advisability of inserting a clause in all contracts for city work providing that workmen employed thereon shall be legal residents of Boston."

I assume it is the purpose of your order to find employment for legal residents of Boston through contractors who are employed upon city work.

Upon consideration of this matter I find this difficulty—Section 26 of chapter 149 of the General Laws provides as follows:

"In the employment of mechanics, teamsters and laborers in the construction of public works by the commonwealth, or by a county, town or district, or by persons contracting therewith for such construction, preference shall first be given to citizens of the commonwealth who have served in the army or navy of the United States in time of war and have been honorably discharged therefrom or released from active duty therein, and who are qualified to perform the work to which the employment relates; and secondly, to citizens of the commonwealth generally, and, if they cannot be obtained in sufficient numbers, then to citizens of the United States; and every contract for such work shall contain a provision to this effect. The wages for a day's work paid to mechanics and teamsters employed in the construction of public works as aforesaid shall be not less than the customary and prevailing rate of wages for a day's work in the same trade or occupation in the locality where such public works are constructed; provided, that no town in the construction of public works shall be required to give preference to veterans not residents of such town, over citizens thereof. Any contractor who knowingly and wilfully violates this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars."

This provision of law is mandatory upon municipalities and limits the authority of the city government to restrict employment upon public works to citizens of the Commonwealth generally.

Regardless of the desirability of having persons who are legal residents of the City of Boston preferred in public works performed by contractors for and in behalf of the city, the Legislature has fixed the limitations as to who may be so employed:

First: To veterans.
Second: To citizens of the Commonwealth generally.

Third: To citizens of the United States.

Fourth: To citizens of a town in preference to veterans nonresidents of such town.

These limitations having been fixed there is no municipal authority to alter or extend them

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

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CONVENIENCE STATION, BLACKSTONE PARK.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, December 29, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from William P. Long, chairman of the Park Commission, relative to your request for an up-to-date convenience station in the vicinity of Blackstone Park. This is in reply to your order of December 15, 1930.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

City of Boston,

Park Department, December 26, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston.

Dear Mr. Mayor,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter with enclosure, copy of an order adopted by the City Council under date of December 15, requesting that a convenience station be erected in the vicinity of Blackstone Park.

There is no doubt but what a public convenience station in this vicinity is needed, but I cannot see how we can legally erect same on either Franklin or Blackstone squares.

Franklin and Blackstone squares were part of Columbia square. When same were turned over to the city, it was agreed upon that they should be forever kept open and no buildings erected thereon. Underground convenience stations have proven to be unsatisfactory and unsanitary.

Very respectfully yours,

WILLIAM P. LONG, Chairman.

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PARKINGS AT CITY HALL ANNEX.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, December 29, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I herewith transmit to you report from Hon. Joseph A. Conry, Traffic Commissioner, to your request of December 1, 1930, regarding parking regulations at City Hall Annex.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Boston Traffic Commission.

December 26, 1930.

Hon. James M. Curley,

Mayor of Boston.

Dear Sir,—Further replying to the order of the City Council dated December 1, 1930, asking that the Traffic Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to cooperate with the Police Commissioner in preventing the continual parking of cars around City Hall Annex, a parking check discloses the following facts:

Six cars were parked on the right side from 1 hour to 1½ hours.

Three cars were parked on the right side from 2 hours to 2½ hours.

One car was parked on the right side from 3 hours to 3½ hours.

One car was parked on the right side from 3½ hours to 4 hours.

One car was parked on the right side from 4 hours to 4½ hours.

Three cars were parked on the right side from 5 hours to 5½ hours.

One car was parked on the right side from 5½ hours to 6 hours.

One car was parked on the right side from 6 hours to 6½ hours.

One car was parked on the right side from 7½ hours to 8 hours.

Eight cars were parked on the right side from 8 hours to 8½ hours.

Section 18 of the Traffic Rules provides that no operator shall park any vehicle between the

hours of 7 a. m. and 6 p. m. of any day except Sundays and legal holidays on any street for a period of time longer than one hour.

On the Annex side of City Hall the area that is reserved for city cars it is reported that, besides the taxis:

Five cars were parked from 30 minutes to 1 hour.

Six cars were parked from 1 to 1½ hours.

Four cars were parked from 1½ to 2 hours.

Five cars were parked from 2 to 2½ hours.

Four cars were parked from 2½ to 3 hours.

Three cars were parked from 3½ to 4 hours.

Four cars were parked from 5 to 5½ hours.

Five cars were parked from 5½ to 6 hours.

One car was parked from 6 to 6½ hours.

Three cars were parked from 6½ to 7 hours.

Two cars were parked from 7 to 7½ hours.

Three cars were parked from 7½ to 8 hours.

Section 38, part 2, of the Traffic Rules provides that vehicles with passenger registration may stop on the left of one-way streets only for five minutes continuously for the loading or unloading of passengers. Ordinarily, this would mean that cars could not park at the Annex side of Court square, but Section 26 of the Traffic Rules provides that vehicles owned by the City of Boston, or used in the city service may be parked in Court square without time limit next the curbs at City Hall Annex.

The number of vehicles cited above are exclusive of city-owned vehicles.

A strict enforcement of the traffic rules will provide additional space for many who have occasion to do business in the neighborhood of Court square. By analyzing the above report it will be seen that many people use this space for garage purposes.

Yours very truly,

JOSEPH A. CONRY,
Commissioner.

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RESOLVES FOR LEGISLATIVE ENACTMENT.

The following was received:

City of Boston,

Office of the Mayor, December 26, 1930.

To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I beg to submit herewith resolves favoring presentation of legislation to be considered for enactment at the incoming session of the Legislature of the Commonwealth for the year 1931, and respectfully recommend adoption of the same by your honorable body.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Resolved, That the City Council of the City of Boston favors the enactment of legislation authorizing the construction of Stony brook conduit and the Canterbury and Roslindale branches of Stony brook, as set forth in a bill, accompanying a petition of the Mayor of the City of Boston, or like legislation to accomplish the same ends, and favors the borrowing of money outside the legal limit of indebtedness to accomplish said purpose like or as set forth in said bill.

Resolved, That the City Council of the City of Boston favors the enactment of legislation authorizing the City of Boston to borrow money for the purpose of reconstructing Dorchester avenue from a point in the vicinity of Fort Point Channel Bridge to Old Colony avenue, as set forth in a bill accompanying a petition of the Mayor of the City of Boston, or like legislation to accomplish the same ends, and favors the borrowing of money outside the legal limit of indebtedness to accomplish said purpose like or as set forth in said bill.

Resolved, That the City Council of the City of Boston favors the enactment of legislation authorizing the City of Boston to widen, lay out and construct Summer and L streets in Boston, as set forth in a bill accompanying a petition of the Mayor of the City of Boston, or like legislation to accomplish the same ends, and favors the borrowing of money outside the legal limit of indebtedness to accomplish said purpose like or as set forth in said bill.

Resolved, That the City Council of the City of Boston favors the enactment of legislation authorizing

ing the construction of a new bridge over the North channel of the Mystic river together with its approaches between the cities of Boston and Chelsea and for the removal of the present Chelsea Bridge, so called, as set forth in a bill accompanying a petition of the Mayor of the City of Boston, or like legislation to accomplish the same ends, and favors the borrowing of money outside the legal limit of indebtedness to accomplish said purpose like or as set forth in said bill.

Resolved, That the City Council of the City of Boston favors the enactment of legislation authorizing the widening and construction of certain streets comprising the first link in the so-called Central Artery in the City of Boston, as set forth in a bill accompanying a petition of the Mayor of the City of Boston, or like legislation to accomplish the same ends, and favors the borrowing of money outside the legal limit of indebtedness to accomplish said purpose like or as set forth in said bill.

Referred to Executive Committee.

LICENSING OF OPEN-AIR PARKING SPACES.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 29, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—Chapter 399 of the Acts of 1930 makes provision in section 56 for the licensing of open-air parking spaces in any city or town which accepts the section. In my opinion the business has assumed such proportions and the necessity for its regulation, especially in thickly settled districts, has become so apparent that the city should at once take advantage of the authority conferred by the Act.

I accordingly recommend the passage of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That section 56 of chapter 148 of the General Laws, inserted therein by chapter 399 of the Acts of 1930, entitled "An Act Providing a Uniform System of Fire Prevention Throughout the Commonwealth," be, and the same hereby is, accepted.

Referred to Executive Committee.

PAYMENT OF BILL FOR ICE.

The following was received:

City of Boston,
Office of the Mayor, December 29, 1930.
To the City Council.

Gentlemen,—I am advised that a bill for \$66.54, covering ice furnished by the Boston Ice Company to the public drinking fountain in Bowdoin square during the month of July, 1929, still remains unpaid.

While this bill was contracted previous to the present administration it represents an obligation which the city is bound to pay. I therefore submit herewith an order authorizing the amount to be charged to the Reserve Fund and respectfully recommend the adoption of this order by your honorable body.

Respectfully,
JAMES M. CURLEY, Mayor.

Ordered, That the Commissioner of Public Works be authorized to expend the sum of \$66.54 for the cost of ice furnished by the Boston Ice Company at the Bowdoin square fountain during the month of July, 1929, said sum to be charged to the Reserve Fund.

Referred to Executive Committee.

PETITIONS REFERRED.

The following petitions were received and referred to the committees named, viz.:

Claims.

Atlantic National Bank of Boston, for compensation for damage to property at 2055-2065 Washington street, caused by broken water main.

Harold Hill Blossom, for compensation for expenses incurred in blocking of sewer at 210 Mt. Vernon street, West Roxbury.

Gabriela Cipollone, for compensation for injuries received on ferryboat.

Martin J. Collins, for compensation for expenses incurred in stoppage of sewer at 34 Cohasset street, Roslindale.

Fitzpatrick Brothers, to be paid for banquet served at Bunker Hill Armory on June 16, 1929.

Mrs. Rosa Ginsberg, for compensation for damage to property at 805 Massachusetts avenue, caused by water being shut off.

Sara Golden, for compensation for damage to car caused by an alleged defect in Harvard street, Allston.

Eli Kaplan estate, for compensation for damage to fence at 104-106 Wayland street, caused by fire apparatus.

Morris Levy, for compensation for damage to car by city truck.

Mairo Marini, for compensation for damage to car by city car.

Teresa Morciaro, for compensation for injuries received on ferryboat.

Hedvig Queander, for compensation for damage to property at 47 Etna street, Brighton, caused by reggrading of sidewalk.

Emerson Sack-Warner Corporation, for refund on unused refuse tickets.

Henry J. Esmond, for compensation for damage to car by fire apparatus.

APPOINTMENT OF NATHAN A. HELLER.

Notice was received from the Mayor of appointment of Nathan A. Heller to be Transit Commissioner for term ending April 30, 1931.

Placed on file.

APPOINTMENT OF JOHN J. O'CALLAGHAN.

Notice was received from the Mayor of appointment of John J. O'Callaghan to be Street Commissioner for term ending first Monday of January, 1934.

Placed on file.

CONSTABLES' BONDS.

The constables' bonds of Leon J. Greene and Joseph Simansky, having been duly approved by the City Treasurer, were received and approved.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS PAY ROLL.

The pay roll of Registry of Deeds for \$5,473.20, regular employees from December 16 to December 31 and piece work from November 17 to December 20, both inclusive, was received and approved.

ORGANIZATION OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

Notice was received from the Board of Commissioners of School Buildings of the election on December 22, 1930, of Stephen W. Sleeper as a commissioner of said Board for term of three years, and of acceptance of said appointment by Mr. Sleeper.

Placed on file.

ANNUAL REPORT OF TRANSIT DEPARTMENT.

A communication was received from Chairman Thomas F. Sullivan of the Transit Department transmitting printed report of Transit Department for year ending December 31, 1930.

Placed on file.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JITNEY LICENSES.

Coun. MURRAY, for the Committee on Jitney Licenses, submitted reports, as follows:

1. Report on petition (referred November 10) of Boston Elevated Railway Company to operate

motor vehicles between Fields Corner and Uphams Corner—that license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted under usual conditions.

2. Report on petition (referred November 24) of Boston Elevated Railway Company to operate motor vehicles between Fields Corner and junction of Everett and Park streets—that license be granted.

Report accepted; license granted under usual conditions.

3. Report on petition of Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Company (referred August 18) for license to operate motor vehicles from Pierce square to Ashmont Station—that license be granted.

The question came on accepting the report of the committee and granting the license.

Coun. GLEASON—Mr. President, I am going to ask that that order be recommended to the committee, for the simple reason that the people interested in this matter did not get proper notification. They were not so properly notified because it was Christmas week. I, as a member of that committee, opposed granting leave under this petition. There are a great many people interested in the matter, and who would like an opportunity to be heard. I am, therefore, going to ask you, Mr. President and members of the Council, to send the matter back to the committee for reconsideration.

Coun. MURRAY—Mr. President, that matter has been in the committee for the last two meetings. The reason why it was laid on the table at the previous meeting was because the councilors in the district through which the bus permit was asked were at the time against it. Since that time they have both informed me that they are favorable to it. Therefore, at the last meeting of the committee, after getting a report from some of the people around Dorchester Lower Mills, they reported "Ought to pass," and that report has been presented here by the committee today.

Coun. GLEASON—Mr. President, Mr. Blackman of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad is interested in this matter. I understand that Councilors Wilson and Fish, of Dorchester, are interested in it as it affects their constituents. Neither of them appeared before the committee, and I am going to ask the Council today to reconsider and send the matter back to the committee.

President LYNCH—The question is on the motion to recommit.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I understand, if I heard it read correctly, that the number of buses is restricted to two or three at the most, the number that could possibly be used under this particular permit.

President LYNCH—It reads six 29 or 40 passenger coaches.

Coun. WILSON—Three each way during the day.

President LYNCH—The question comes on Councilor Gleason's motion to recommit.

Coun. NORTON—Mr. President, where a colleague is so vigorous in his denunciation of proposed action that comes before us, I am inclined to wait a little while before acting. Therefore, I shall vote for recommitment.

The motion to recommit was declared carried. Coun. Murray doubted the vote and asked for the yeas and nays.

The matter was recommitted, yeas 16, nays 3.

Yeas—Coun. Cox, Curtis, Donovan, Englert, Fitzgerald, Gallagher, Gleason, Green, Hein, Kelly, Lynch, Mahoney, McGrath, Norton, Power, Ruby—16.

Nays—Coun. Fish, Murray, Wilson—3.

IMPROVEMENT OF JOHN H. L. NOYES PLAYGROUND.

Coun. DONOVAN offered the following:

Ordered, That the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Park Commission for the filling and grading, and the erection of suitable bleachers, on the John H. L. Noyes Playground, East Boston, and that to meet such expense the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, at the request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, I might say for the benefit of my colleagues that this playground in East Boston is in a peculiar situation, that at certain times of the year it is entirely covered by water. I therefore ask that this amount of money be appropriated, through his Honor the Mayor, to put a fill in there, and construct bleachers on the playground.

The order was referred to the Committee on Finance.

LOAN FOR FALLON FIELD.

Coun. COX called up, under unfinished business, No. 2 on the calendar, viz.:

2. Ordered, That the sum of \$90,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated to be expended by the Board of Park Commissioners for Fallon Field Playground, additional land and construction, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

On December 15, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 18, nays 4.

The question came on the second and final reading and passage of the order.

Coun. CURTIS—Mr. President, it seems to me we voted on this matter before with the understanding that there would be further hearings and further consideration of it before it came up again and that we ought to wait for a chance to see the Park Commissioners before finally voting. I ask, therefore, that this be referred to the Executive Committee.

Coun. NORTON—Mr. President, at the last meeting when this was considered I was very glad to vote to take initial action on the matter, knowing that we could change our position if the facts seemed to warrant at this meeting. There was at that time a question as to the value of this property. There is perhaps a natural desire on the part of some to have this go through before the end of the year, but I find now that some of the officials involved have not had an opportunity to look into the question of whether this price is a proper one. It is a matter in which some of my own constituents are interested, and I believe the Roslindale Board of Trade has taken a stand upon it. The Secretary of the Roslindale Board of Trade is one of the leading private citizens in my own ward. I am naturally interested in what he is interested in. But this is a peculiar case. The fact is that this land has been valued at different times at \$30,000, \$50,000 and \$90,000. It is hard to find out exactly what the land is worth. Nobody wants to extend playground facilities for the children of West Roxbury more than do I; nobody is more interested in cooperating with his Honor the Mayor of Boston than I. But I hold in my hand, as a result of protests and the various assessments that have been made of this property, a certificate of appraisal from the Appraisal Committee of the Boston Real Estate Exchange, signed by the vice president of the Exchange, to the effect that their experts have looked this property over personally and, after giving every possible consideration to the position of the city in the matter, as well as of the owner, one of the leading citizens of the district, have come to the conclusion that the fair cash valuation of the property as of December 27, 1930, is \$43,875. This is merely one of the things that has come up at the last minute. So I feel personally that I must take cognizance of this statement before voting to pay the owner of this property twice as much as it is worth, and I understand that examinations of this sort take into consideration every possible way in which the land can be used. I am sure that when his Honor the Mayor gives the matter consideration he also will take the view that the price proposed for the land is too large. I feel confident that these experts, taking into consideration every element that enters into the value of the land and giving the matter their personal examination, have arrived at a proper price to be given for it.

Coun. Curtis' motion to refer the order to the Executive Committee was carried.

SILENT POLICEMAN AT WOODROW AVENUE AND LUCERNE STREET.

Coun. RUBY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be re-

quested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install a silent policeman, so called, at the junction of Woodrow avenue and Lucerne street.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

CONFIRMATION OF APPOINTMENT.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, with the permission of the Council, I would like to call up No. 16, under unfinished business, at this time. No. 16 is as follows:

16. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor December 22, 1930, of William L. Kelley and Joseph Lesberg to be Constables.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I have not had time to check up on this matter. If the councilor from East Boston has, I am willing to have the names of Kelley and Lesberg taken up and voted upon at this time.

Coun. DONOVAN—Mr. President, I understand that these men have complied with the requirements. That is an easy matter to check up with Mr. Baldwin.

No. 16 was taken from the table, and the question came on confirmation. Committee, Coun. Gallagher and Green. Whole number of ballots 16, yeas 16, and the appointments were confirmed.

ACTION ON APPOINTMENTS INDEFINITELY POSTPONED.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, if there is no objection, and in order to clear the calendar, I would move that all the other names of appointees listed on the calendar be indefinitely postponed. I think, without reflection on any of the applicants, this being the last meeting of the year, if there is any necessity for their appointments, the names can be reintroduced at the beginning of the next calendar year. I move, therefore, that action on the rest of the names appearing on the calendar, in order to clear the calendar, be indefinitely postponed.

The numbers on the calendar, under unfinished business, were as follows:

3. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor May 5, 1930, of Thomas Cannizzaro, William A. Copson and Harry Kantron, to be Constables.

4. Action on appointment submitted by the Mayor May 19, 1930, of Frank Miller, to be a Constable.

5. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor May 26, 1930, of Joseph B. Gallagher and Charles A. Mealey, to be Constables.

6. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor June 2, 1930, of Daniel J. Haley and John J. Connolly, to be Constables.

7. Action on appointment submitted by the Mayor June 23, 1930, of John J. Lane, to be a Constable.

8. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor July 21, 1930, of Robert T. Blunden and Edward J. Farrell, to be Constables.

9. Action on appointment submitted by the Mayor August 4, 1930, of John F. Riordan, to be a Constable.

10. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor September 29, 1930, of the following-named persons to be Constables: James P. Condon, John Sullivan, Timothy E. Kelly, Stephen J. Dunleavy and Patrick H. Sullivan.

11. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor October 6, 1930, of Timothy Ryan, to be a Constable.

12. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor October 20, 1930, of Abraham Gibbs, to be a Constable.

13. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor November 10, 1930, of Michael J. Dugan, to be a Constable.

14. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor November 24, 1930, of Frank H. Megroth and Benjamin Rosen, to be Constables.

15. Action on appointments submitted by the Mayor December 15, 1930, of the following-named persons to be Constables: Clarence H. Goler, Eli Weinberb and Walter J. Connelly.

17. Action on persons not yet confirmed, on annual list of constables for the term beginning May 1, 1930, as contained in Document 47.

Action on the confirmation of all constables included in above numbers of the calendar was declared indefinitely postponed.

BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT, NORTH END PARK.

On motion of Coun. FITZGERALD, the Council took up, under unfinished business, No. 1 on the calendar, viz.:

1. Ordered, That the sum of \$125,000 be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Board of Park Commissioners, for bath house and laundry building and equipment, etc., North End Park, and that to meet said appropriation the City Treasurer be authorized to issue, from time to time, on request of the Mayor, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of the city to said amount.

On December 15, 1930, the foregoing order was read once and passed, yeas 22.

The order was given its second and final reading and passage, yeas 18, nays 0.

RECESS.

The Council voted, on motion of Coun. NORTON, at 2.40 p. m., to take a recess subject to the call of the Chair. The members reassembled in the Council Chamber and were called to order by President LYNCH at 3.45 p. m.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Coun. MAHONEY, for the Executive Committee, submitted the following, viz.:

1. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) for the acceptance of section 56 of chapter 148 of General Laws, providing for the licensing of open-air parking spaces—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed.

3. Report on message of Mayor and resolves (referred today) favoring presentation of legislation to be considered for enactment at incoming session of Legislature—that same ought to pass.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I had in mind until I came into the Council Chamber offering an amending resolution to our report back "Ought to pass," having in mind the fact that there is the unfortunate rule of the Legislature that prevents the sending of these particular bills to committees unless the City Council approves their presentation in advance. I have had some members of the Council come to me in past years and say, "We have already given our approval in advance," to the East Boston Tunnel, for instance, or some other act, whereas all we have done was to go through the routine motion necessary to have a bill presented to the Legislature. Accordingly, I had in mind offering an amendment somewhat to this effect—"Resolved, That the City Council approves the filing and presentation by the Mayor of the attached bills with the Massachusetts Legislature, but without necessary assent to the same unless such bills, when passed, include a provision that final acceptance must be by the Mayor with the approval of the City Council." I find, however, that all four of the important bills, involving the expenditure of so much money, have such a provision already inserted. Having that in mind and feeling that our approval at this time is a routine matter in connection with the presentation of the bills, I will vote for approval of the report of the committee, contrary to my vote in the Executive Committee.

Coun. CURTIS—Mr. President, for the record I would like to state that my understanding of this is that our action is necessary in order that the bills may be presented, and that, although some of the later wording might indicate that we favor the enactment of the bills, such is not really the case. My vote in favor, therefore, is given with the understanding that we are not passing on the merits of the bills themselves, but are merely favoring their presentation, and that we will have an opportunity later to pass on the merits of the bills, when they may come before us; that the action we are taking now is merely routine action in order that these bills may be presented for consideration by the Legislature. With that

understanding and interpretation of our action, I am voting in the affirmative on these matters.

Coun. KELLY—Mr. President, I agree with the two previous councilors, and I am going to vote for the presentation of these matters to the incoming Legislature. I do object, however, to the subsequent prelude to each one of the orders and hope the Legislature will not construe it to mean what in the ordinary sense it should mean—that is, that the City Council of the City of Boston favors the enactment of legislation authorizing, etc. I feel that the City Council should be free to thoroughly investigate any bills that are presented by the Mayor of Boston to the Legislature and that may be acted upon favorably by the Legislature; and we should not be handicapped later by the claim that we are on record in favor of these different bills presented by his Honor the Mayor, which we know nothing about, bills which have just come into us today and for the presentation of which to the Legislature we are asked to vote. Simply because we favor such presentation, that should not be construed as meaning that we favor the enactment of the bills. I feel that we still reserve our rights in that matter. Therefore, I want it distinctly understood that my vote here does not exactly jibe with the wording of the prelude to each order. My position is that I favor the presentation of these bills to the Legislature for their serious consideration, but do not favor on behalf of this body, as the Mayor is attempting to put us in the position of doing, the enactment of each one of the bills. I am, therefore, going to vote in favor of the presentation of these bills to the Legislature, Mr. President.

The report was accepted and said resolves passed.

2. Report on message of Mayor and order (referred today) that Commissioner of Public Works be authorized to expend the sum of \$66.54 for cost of ice furnished by Boston Ice Company at Bowdoin square fountain during month of July, 1929—that same ought to pass.

Report accepted; said order passed, yeas 20, nays 0.

3. Report on message of Mayor and order (recommitted today) for a loan of \$90,000 to be expended by Board of Park Commissioners for Fallon Field Playground, additional land and construction—that same ought to pass.

The report of the committee was accepted and the question came on giving the order its final reading and passage.

Coun. KELLY—Mr. President, I realize that the councilor from Roslindale and West Roxbury has been making a fight for the past few weeks for this order, something for which he should be commended by his colleagues and the people of his district. But I say that I am going to be consistent. I cannot see my way clear to vote to spend \$65,000 to take a piece of land that is worth but \$35,000. There is no one in the City of Boston who will vote more money to increase, enlarge or get another playground in the city than myself. But I cannot see my way clear to vote in favor of this particular transaction, under the circumstances, when his Honor the Mayor of Boston can exercise the right of eminent domain and pay to the owner of the land a fair figure. We heard Councilor Norton earlier in the session quote the Boston Real Estate Exchange experts as to valuation of the property, men who spent considerable time on the matter, examining this particular piece of land, and finally appraising it as worth \$43,000. I cannot see how members of the Council can vote to spend \$65,000 of the taxpayers' money for that land when the value has been so arrived at and when the Mayor, through the Law Department, can take the land under eminent domain proceedings and pay a fair price for it. I am in favor of increasing the size of this playground. It is inadequate. I am not in favor, however, of robbing the taxpayers of the City of Boston of an unexplainable sum in order to make some particular individual wealthy. I am satisfied after investigation that nobody can possibly rightfully claim that this land is worth over \$43,000. I understand that last year the administration came in here with an order appropriating \$100,000 for it, which order was rejected. This year an order has been brought in for \$65,000, and it looks as if it were going through. I say, however, that we should take the land at a fair figure and enlarge the playground. If the Mayor is anxious to enlarge it at the smallest possible expenditure to the City of Boston, that is the method we would use, instead of sending such an order in here two weeks ago at a quarter of two

and expecting us to pass it before three o'clock at the very first meeting at which it was introduced. So I am against the order, not because I am against the acquisition or enlarging of playgrounds that are needed in this city, but because I feel that the figure, \$65,000, is exorbitant, unfair, and means robbing the taxpayers of at least \$25,000, which could be saved if the Mayor of the City of Boston would take this piece of land by right of eminent domain.

Coun. COX—Mr. President, for the benefit of the councilors here who have promised me to support this bill, I feel that I must make some answer to Councilor Kelly. Real estate experts are a good deal in the class of handwriting experts—they find for the person who employs them. Real estate at the present time is at its lowest point. When an expert goes out to appraise a piece of property, to judge what it is worth, his guess is as good as the next man's. He may come from a section of the city which is a little different from the section where the particular land is located. He may not be at all familiar with the conditions in that particular section. I have before me now the real estate assessments on South street and other streets in this vicinity, and I find their land assessed for 30 cents, 35 cents, and as high as \$1.50 per foot. I find land here at 892-904 South street assessed for \$1.50 a foot. The City of Boston is buying this piece of land at around 33 cents a foot. Leaving aside the valuation of the property we have here, I find that in 1899 the City of Boston paid for 3.87 acres a matter of \$26,000, and some odd for the land and \$33,000 for structures, a matter of \$60,000. That was in 1899. Gentlemen, I went to West Roxbury some eighteen or nineteen years ago. At that time all we had in West Roxbury were about twenty-six graveyards. I attended a church whose congregation numbered 400. Today we number 2,800, and in addition to that another parish has grown up. We have doubled or more than doubled our population in the last five years. We have shown an increase in the valuation of our ward of over \$20,000,000 in the last four years. If we have shown that increase, surely the value of that particular spot must also have increased, and if we paid in 1899 a matter of \$26,000 for less than four acres of land, or a little better than \$6,000 an acre, I don't think it is unfair or exorbitant if the City of Boston is asked to pay \$65,000 for this 100,000 odd feet of land, plus a building that could not be built today for \$60,000. And I know what I am talking about. I ask you gentlemen to support this order.

Coun. NORTON—Mr. President, the councilor from West Roxbury speaks about values. He refers to the fact that in 1899 four acres of land in West Roxbury was bought for \$26,000, or something over \$6,000 an acre, and that there has been an enormous development and increase of population in the section since, which has greatly enhanced values. But that does not necessarily follow. Take, for instance, land down here in Dock square—that land was worth very much more in 1899 than it is today. Nothing fluctuates so violently as real estate values, and the fact that in 1899 in certain parts of West Roxbury land was worth a certain amount means nothing as applied to values today. While I do not agree with my colleague from Dorchester in some of his remarks, I do agree as to the value of this particular piece of land. I have devoted some time to looking into the question of the value of this property. So far as I can learn, the owner of the land is not particular about selling to the city. He would just as soon stay in his home there. But the Park Department wishes to enlarge the playground. The owner is one of the leading citizens of the section. If the Council votes \$65,000 for it I am confident that every penny will go to the owner of the land. As regards the position of his Honor the Mayor of Boston, I am confident that if he had had time to look into the matter carefully he would have said to Mr. Fallon "This playground is named after your illustrious son, who lost his life in the World War, and I think perhaps you might be a little benevolent in regard to the disposal of the property." But the peculiar circumstance is this. Here is something which, in order to use up a balance, had to be rushed through at the last minute. Of course, when hasty action is taken under such circumstances mistakes are frequently made. I have here a definite statement from the appraisal committee of the Boston Real Estate Exchange that the property is worth \$43,875. Now, I cannot conscientiously vote

\$65,000 when that is their idea of what it is worth, even giving all benefit of the doubt. It is going to be very hard to come here and vote to expend \$65,000 of the city's money in this way and then perhaps have to explain a year from now or five years from now our vote, when impartial experts investigate and tell us now that we are spending too much. We have had some illustrious examples of the mistakes that can be thus made in municipal history in the last few years. As regards the letter from the secretary of the Roslindale Board of Trade, which was commented on in executive session, I would respectfully call the attention of the Council to the fact that nothing was stated in the letter regarding the price to be paid for the playground. The name of Tom Fitzpatrick, one of the leading citizens out there, was referred to in executive session as favoring this purchase. But I don't believe he has ever given a moment's thought to what the value of the land is. We are now at a time when the city needs every dollar it can spare for the unemployed, and I do not feel that I can conscientiously vote to spend \$65,000 of the people's money for this land when the highest authority on land values in the City of Boston, the Boston Real Estate Exchange, tells us that we are voting too much money. Of course, there are no personalities involved. So far as Mr. Fallon is concerned, \$20,000 doesn't mean that [a snap of the fingers] to him. The Mayor of Boston, with only a few weeks to go, last year tried to clean up this proposition. It did not go through then, and it has now come up this year. I am sure now that his Honor the Mayor is actuated only by the highest motives, and that the same is true of Mr. Fallon, who is not at all anxious to dispose of the land. But I do say that on the evidence presented to us we are voting too much money.

Coun. CURTIS—Mr. President, I think we will all agree that we would like to buy this land, that we are in favor of enlarging this playground, but that the only question before us is whether the price is too high. I have come to the conclusion from everything I have heard here that the price is too high. I know another real estate man who looked into it thoroughly, and his figure of the valuation coincides almost exactly with the figure that Councilor Norton has given as arrived at by the appraisal committee of the Boston Real Estate Exchange. With a probable value of from \$30,000 to \$45,000, we are asked to pay \$65,000 for the land. It is said that this is the only piece of land that can be taken for the purpose of enlarging the playground. In other words, there is a scarcity value here, so far as the city is concerned. That may be so, but, after all, aren't we paying too much? The property was offered to the city once before as I understand, for \$100,000, and it is now offered for \$65,000. I wonder if we delayed a bit on this matter, whether it would not come back again at a lower figure? I don't think there is danger that the owner of the land is going to be able to dispose of it otherwise. We all know that people who have these large, expensive pieces of ground cannot today easily get rid of them. People don't want such large places as they did twenty or twenty-five years ago. People with large places have been giving them up. So, while I would like to see the city buy this land, if that were the only question for the enlargement of the property, it is to my mind a pure question of business judgment, and I feel that the price is too high.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, with reference to this particular order which has excited so much debate and comment, not only on the floor of the Council, but also in the Executive Committee, I cannot see great force in much of the argument that has been used in opposition to the purchase of this particular piece of land on the part of members of the Council. The matter was brought in here last year and we did turn it down, at the price of \$100,000, which we assumed was an excessive figure. On the other hand, I do not rank the three appraisers of the Boston Real Estate Exchange—and I don't know their names—with the three wise men in the Bible, having had some experience myself with appraisals that have been made by the Boston Real Estate Exchange. I realize that there are great variances in the figures that you can get from different members of the Boston Real Estate Exchange, depending on which side of the case they are testifying. So I do not lay too much stress on what any one expert or any three experts may state as the proper figure. Nor do I

believe that the correct figure would necessarily be the assessed value, nor that the value of a particular piece of land is necessarily dissociated with the purpose for which it is taken. I have been interested to hear those who have spoken point out the fact that the city here is trading with a man who is not anxious to sell and to whom \$20,000 is as a snap of the fingers—which, of course, strengthens me in my feeling that the city is up against this proposition, that it is dealing with a seller who is not particularly anxious to sell, with a seller to whom \$20,000 or \$30,000 apparently means not very much, and dealing with a seller who is the owner of the only piece of land which can be bought for this purpose adjacent to this particular playground. In other words, the city is dealing with an owner of a piece of land which, as Councilor Curtis has pointed out, has a certain scarcity value. It is not a question of buying a piece of land somewhere in Roslindale for a playground. It is not simply a question of the city having bought in the past a certain number of thousand square feet for the present playground, with the price which it may have been worth many years ago. Keeping in mind all these elements I see no reason why this body should not vote to relieve the Roslindale district from the situation in which it now finds itself with respect to this playground.

Coun. KELLY—Mr. President, I want to remind the councilor from Dorchester who has just spoken, an able attorney, that I think he knows something about the law of eminent domain. I want to recall the fact to the minds of every member of the City Council, without reading the particular chapter of the General Laws covering eminent domain, that the city has the right to take this piece of land at any time. We could take it a week from tomorrow, if we wished to do so, and pay the owner a fair value for it. If these experts have decided that \$43,000 is a fair value, let us take that piece of land for the enlargement of the playground for the benefit of the children of Roslindale and pay that fair value, and we will then not give anybody a chance to come in afterwards and say that the city spent too much for this particular piece of land. In answer to the councilor from Hyde Park (Coun. Norton) who says that the Mayor of Boston may have introduced this order without carefully investigating the circumstances, I would say that, in a matter involving an expenditure of \$90,000 by the city, the Mayor of Boston was very lax, if what the councilor from Hyde Park says is true. Either his Honor the Mayor has not carefully looked into the matter and has been lax, or he has carefully looked into it, has seen that the figure was exorbitant, and yet has recommended its purchase at this amount, to be paid to this gentleman in Roslindale, perhaps indirectly, the Mayor knowing it to be an unreasonable amount and having sent it to this honorable body at 2.15 on the afternoon of the day on which he wished it passed. So there are the alternatives—either he did it knowingly or with laxness. Whichever was the case is for the public of Boston to decide. But I want to call the attention of the Council to that remark made by the councilor from Hyde Park—that the Mayor might have introduced the order for \$90,000 on the spur of the moment, without having looked carefully into it. If he did so, he was lax in the duty he owed to the good people of Boston who elected him. If he was not lax, and if he sent it in after due thought, I say he did something that he should not have done, and that this Council should not vote in favor of spending \$90,000 for something that is worth only \$43,000.

Coun. RUBY—Mr. President, we received the order two weeks ago, at which time it was given its first reading, then coming over to this meeting with the understanding that the members of the body might now be guided by the information they had been able to obtain in the two weeks elapsing between the introduction and the final passage of the order. The order came to us as an appropriation order for the enlargement of a playground. Now, I wonder how many of the members of the Council who have been members for the last three or four years have witnessed the efforts made by the respective councilors in their sections of Boston to get proper playground facilities, which every man in the city admits are absolutely necessary. We have been privileged in the last few months to vote for the first playground in the district of the councilor from Ward 17, after a fight by him for two or three years, and we will now have in the

Ward 17 section of Boston a proper playground with proper facilities. We are in this order asked to make an appropriation of \$90,000, not merely for the purchase of a playground, or for playground land to be added to the Fallon Field, but \$90,000 for the land and structure and equipment for Fallon Field. In other words, we are asked to appropriate \$65,000 of this amount for the land and from the remarks made by some members of the Council one would be led to believe that the amount is exorbitant and unfair, in their opinion based on the opinion of some real estate experts in the City of Boston, the excessive amount being somewhere between \$15,000 and \$20,000. But I say that we should not merely consider the parcel of land it is proposed to purchase, taken by itself, but that we should also take into consideration, as has been so well said by the councilor from Ward 17 (Coun. Wilson) in executive session, the peculiar circumstances with reference to this lot of land. With the talk of so-called laxity on the part of his Honor the Mayor in this matter, I absolutely disagree. I cannot believe, and cannot be led to believe, by any persuasive arguments that his Honor the Mayor sends in to us any order, for a thousand or a million dollars, unless he is satisfied in his own mind and has a firm conviction that we ought to vote for the order presented by him. Now, here is a case where we are dealing not with real estate operators, as has been the case in years past, but with the present owner of the property, a man who has owned it not for one year or two years, but for a number of years, and there is a sentimental value attached to this piece of property by the present owner. It is proposed to be sold to the City of Boston for the enlargement of a field that now bears the name of the son of the owner of the property. It is true that an order came to us awhile ago to purchase this property for \$100,000, and we rejected that order. An order now comes in to us for the purchase of the property for \$65,000. I would rather take the word of the councilor from the district in which this land is situated when he tells us that the buildings on this particular piece of property could not be replaced for \$50,000 or \$60,000. It is safe to assume that the appraisers who appraised that property for the councilor for Ward 18 did not take into consideration replacement value in connection with it. Now, we have just voted to spend \$16,000,000 for the construction of the East Boston Tunnel, and if the argument of those opposed to this order were to stand would it be claimed that it would be unfair for the Mayor of Boston to pay 10 per cent above the assessed value of the land taken on the Boston side and pay 100 or 200 per cent of the value of buildings and land taken in some parts of the East Boston section for the building of this same tunnel? As the Mayor has said on different occasions, there is a different value put on property when you are depriving a family of its home and in that case, of course, the owner of a particular piece of property ought to be paid more than the assessed value, ought to be paid on the basis of replacement value. I have in mind in my own district, within the last six months, a case where the Street Commissioners decided to take a small shanty on Canterbury street in connection with the street construction program, a building for which I don't believe anybody would want to pay over \$600, and yet it was agreed to pay a number of thousands of dollars for the land and building, not because it had a value of that amount, but because the widow would have to go out somewhere else and get a home. The same situation holds here. We are not paying an exorbitant amount. It is admitted that the man does not need the money, but his Honor the Mayor as well as the Park Commissioner and the man representing the seller of the building got together on this matter and arrived at this figure as being a fair figure. We have a right to assume that our Park Commissioner, who has served the city for a number of years, and our Mayor, who has also served the city for a number of years, in sending to us this order have sent an order in which they believe the amount suggested is right. I say that any of us who know the playground needs in our respective sections realizes just what such demands are, what it means to a councilor to be able to have a playground in his district increased to a sufficient size. I am satisfied that when the order came to us it came after every possible consideration had been given to all the attending circumstances. I am in favor of the order and shall so vote.

Coun. HEIN—Mr. President, at the last meeting at which we considered this particular playground, I voted against it because I thought the price mentioned was exorbitant. But here is a sheet made up by the gentlemen in the Assessing Department down stairs showing that property in the immediate vicinity is paying taxes on a valuation of 30 cents a foot or more at the present time. Mr. Fallon's property is being sold to the city for 33 cents a foot. I certainly do not think at the present time that the city is overpaying Mr. Fallon. At the previous meeting I voted against the order, not knowing what the land was worth and not knowing the conditions out there, but I now wish to go on record as being in favor of this order.

Coun. NORTON—Mr. President, I wish to take only one moment to answer my colleague from Dorchester. He calls attention to the fact that there was laxness in this particular case. I don't call it by that name. Every municipality, at times acting hastily on matters in closing up a year's work, at times makes mistakes. In the city of New York last month they voted to erect a \$500,000 schoolhouse on a tract of land, and found out afterwards that they did not even own the land. There is a chapter in the book of Professor Munroe of Harvard with reference to municipal government, speaking of the mistakes that frequently arise in cities when they are rushing through work at the end of the year. I feel that we are apt to make such a mistake here, when the Mayor of Boston comes in in this way, in the last two weeks of the year and asks a suspension of the rule for the passage of an order of this sort. We can argue all night on the relative merits of this particular piece of land and end where we started. The fact remains, however, according to the valuation by experts, that we are paying \$20,000 too much. I would be willing to vote to pay \$5,000 or \$10,000 additional, but I cannot favor the passage of an order where there is such a discrepancy.

Coun. HEIN—Mr. President, I move the previous question.

Coun. COX—Mr. President, in justice to my many good friends in the Council who have agreed to support this measure, I want to lay the case clearly before the public. We have heard a good deal of talk here in regard to the opinion of real estate experts. I am willing to accept the Assessing Department of the City of Boston, Mr. President, as my expert. I have here a list of assessments on nineteen properties in the immediate vicinity, in the total averaging a valuation of 35 cents per foot for property in the neighborhood. Therefore, if the City of Boston is getting this property for 33 cents a foot, I feel that this can in no way be termed an exorbitant price for the property. Therefore, I move the previous question.

The main question was ordered, and the order was given its second and final reading and passage, yeas 18, nays 3:

Yeas—Coun. Arnold, Bush, Cox, Donovan, Englert, Fish, Fitzgerald, Gallagher, Gleason, Green, Hein, Lynch, Mahoney, McGrath, Murray, Power, Ruby, Wilson—18.

Nays—Coun. Curtis, Kelly, Norton—3.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INSPECTION OF PRISONS.

Coun. RUBY, for the Committee on Inspection of Prisons, submitted the following report, viz.:

In accordance with the provisions of chapter 223 of the Revised Laws, the Committee on Inspection of Prisons of the City Council submits herewith its annual report.

SUFFOLK COUNTY JAIL.

Your committee made the customary semi-annual inspections of the Suffolk County Jail.

The building that housed the padded and solitary confinement cells was demolished to make way for the widening of Charles street and a modern structure to care for this equipment is now in the process of construction.

Your committee believes it advisable to relocate the West End Yard of the Public Works Department as the land thus released could be used most advantageously by the jail to make up for the space taken for the improvements made necessary by the widening of Charles street.

The new vehicular entrance from North Grove street, which eliminates the dangers formerly experienced in the entrance from Charles street, is a great improvement, and a motor van now conducts the prisoners from the courthouse to the jail, taking the place of the time-honored horse-drawn vehicle. Both of these recommendations were contained in last year's report.

General conditions at the jail are excellent and the average population for the closing year was 310.

HOUSE OF CORRECTION.

Semiannual inspections of the House of Correction were made by your committee during the year.

The buildings were in a clean and sanitary condition and the department of the inmates very good.

Your committee found that some of the buildings are old and dilapidated and should be replaced by new and up-to-date structures.

Your committee also found that many improvements as far as accommodations are concerned might be made and feels that the Commissioner of Penal Institutions will submit his recommendations to the committee before the next report is made.

Report accepted, and ordered printed as a city document.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

Coun. BUSH, for the Committee on Claims, submitted the following report, viz.:

The Committee on Claims respectfully submits the following report showing the disposition of claims during the municipal year 1930.

Claims pending January 1, 1930.....	1,676
Claims received during year 1930.....	867
Total.....	2,543
Claims approved.....	164
Claims disapproved.....	511

Amount paid out on approved claims... \$5,475 01
Amount claims disapproved.....\$74,892 16

For the committee,
HERMAN L. BUSH,
Chairman.

Report accepted and ordered printed as a city document.

PROPOSED INCREASE IN POLICE SALARIES.

Coun. HEIN offered the following:

Ordered, That the Police Commissioner be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to include in the budget of the Police Department for the year 1931 a sum sufficient to provide an increase of two hundred dollars in the salaries of members of the police force.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

AUTOMATIC SIGNAL, WARD 19.

Coun. MURRAY offered the following:

Ordered, That the Traffic Commission be requested, through his Honor the Mayor, to install an automatic traffic signal at the junction of Centre street, South Huntington avenue, Boylston and Moraine streets, Ward 19.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

OPENING OF POLLS IN BOSTON.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel, through his Honor the Mayor, be, and he hereby is, respectfully requested promptly to file with the Massachusetts Legislature a bill permitting an opening of the polls in the City of Boston on election days at an hour later than 6 a. m.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I shall speak very briefly on this particular order. It deals with a question that comes up almost every year—namely, the requirement covering the City of

Boston and, I think, only one other city, if any, in the whole Commonwealth of Massachusetts,—that the polls in the City of Boston must open at six o'clock in the morning. It seems to me that a bill should be presented to the Legislature to deal with this situation, so that precinct officers in the various precincts shall not have to work from half past five—at which time they would have to start in order to have the polls opened at six—until hours after midnight, in receiving and counting the ballots. I see no reason why the City of Boston should be the exception to the general rule and why our polls must open at six o'clock in the morning.

Coun. MURRAY—Does the act of the Legislature require the polls in Boston to be opened at six o'clock in the morning?

Coun. WILSON—I understand that under the legislative provision the polls in the City of Boston must be opened not later than six o'clock in the morning.

Coun. MURRAY—I believe on primary days they are opened from six to four, and on election day from six to eight.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, I do not ask this in the interest of the idle rich. I simply ask that a bill may be introduced so that the City of Boston may, if it so desires, set the time for the opening of the polls here at a later hour than six. At the present time we have no alternative one way or the other.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

LEGISLATION IN RE CITIZEN LABOR.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel, through his Honor the Mayor, be, and he hereby is, respectfully instructed to file a bill with the Massachusetts Legislature changing the existing statute in such manner as to permit restricting to resident citizen laborers of Boston, when available, employment on all jobs performed by or for the City of Boston.

Coun. WILSON—Mr. President, "your Honor," I have in mind in introducing this order the veto message of his Honor the Mayor, in which he is quite correct in saying that the statute prevents the mayor of any city in Massachusetts from insisting—although many of them do—that labor under the various contractors on city work must be done by residents or citizens of the city paying the contractor. I understand that cities such as Somerville and other outside towns do insist—and get away with it—that the work be done by their own citizens. Apparently under the statute they have no such right. But if it is possible by statute to insist that laborers must be citizens of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, it must be just as constitutional for the Legislature to pass a statute going even farther and making it possible to restrict contractors on certain work to the employment of citizens or residents of the city for which they are doing the work. With that in mind I introduce the order.

The order was passed under suspension of the rule.

LICENSING OF INDOOR GOLF AND MINIATURE GOLF COURSES.

Coun. WILSON offered the following:

Ordered, That the Corporation Counsel, through his Honor the Mayor, be, and he hereby is, respectfully requested to amend the proposed bill authorizing the Mayor of the City of Boston to license indoor golf and miniature golf courses, by specification that such licenses shall require the approval of the Mayor and the City Council.

Passed under suspension of the rule.

COMMENDATION OF PRESIDENT LYNCH.

Coun. ARNOLD—Mr. President, I rise to a question of personal privilege.

President LYNCH—The gentleman will state his question of personal privilege.

Coun. ARNOLD—Mr. President, I want to pay a slight tribute to the presiding officer of the City Council during the year 1930.

President LYNCH—The gentleman may proceed. [Laughter.]

Coun. ARNOLD — Mr. President, as one of those who did not vote for you when you received the honor of election of president of this body, it occurs to me that a word or two coming from me, and representing the sentiment of the Council, in commendation of your conduct in the office of president during the year might be very appropriate. It was partly suggested by my colleague, who just introduced a proposition looking to legislative enactment, in addressing you as "your Honor." I know that as a matter of courtesy during the past year you have been referred to with the term "Honorable" attached to your name on many occasions and in many publications. I believe, even if that is not a legal addition to your name, it is certainly an adjective that your colleagues would be only too glad to add, as a careful observation of your administration by myself at every meeting during the year has convinced me, as I know it has convinced all of my colleagues, of your extreme fairness and courtesy during your entire term. And so, Mr. President, I am going to ask this body to rise in tribute to you in these last few moments of our

closing year, in tribute to your worthy and splendid conduct as presiding officer over the deliberations of this body, by so rising confirming that honorary title that has been accorded you so many times during the year,—the title of "Honorable."

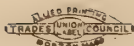
[All the members arose and applauded President Lynch.]

President LYNCH — Before closing our meeting I wish to thank the members of the body, the attaches and the newspaper men for their contribution to the harmonious cooperation which has prevailed here this year. The honor that you conferred upon me in making me your President for the year of the Boston Tercentenary is one that I highly appreciated and will always cherish. I hope that equal satisfaction and pleasure, and the same harmonious cooperation may be enjoyed by my successor, whoever he may be. Gentlemen, I thank you. [Applause.]

Adjourned, on motion of Coun. FISH, at 4.35 p. m., to meet on Monday, January 5, 1931, at 2 p. m.

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